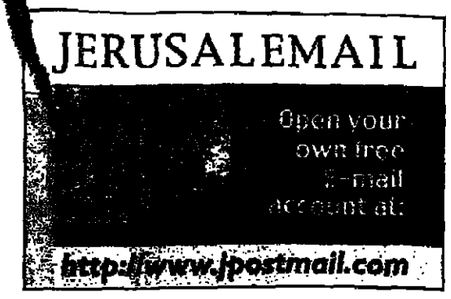
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Dozens hurt in Jerusalem demos for PA prisoners

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Some 35 Palestinians, including five journalists, and nine policemen were wounded yesterday in Jerusalem during clashes between police and Palestinians demanding the release of political prisoners from Israeli jails.

Demonstrators also scuffled with police in Hebron, Bethlehem, Nablus and nearby Tubas demanding freedom for prisoners.

Mounted police charged a crowd of demonstrators on Salah a-Din and Sultan Suleiman streets in Jerusalem, in an effort to prevent them from carrying out an illegal march to the Old City.

The protesters, organized by the Prisoners Club and Fatah and under instruction from the Palestinian Legislative Council, blocked streets with burning tires and threw rocks and empty bottles at police, who responded with rubber-coated bullets and tear gas.

Nineteen protesters were arrested for attacking policemen and border policemen, throwing stones, and disturbing the peace. Nine policemen were wounded, including one whose hand was broken. Five police cars were damaged in the melee.

At one point, police fired live bullets into the air to extricate themselves from a group of demonstrators that surrounded them, police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said.

After the demonstration, Palestinian youths threw stones at three buses in eastern Jerusalem, slightly wounding one driver.

Ben-Ruby said the demonstration organizers had refused repeated police requests to apply for a permit.

In Bethlehem, clashes erupted between soldiers and about 200 Palestinians, who marched toward an army outpost and pelted soldiers with stones. Troops responded with tear gas and rubber bullets before Palestinian Police units arrived and pushed demonstrators back from the Israeli-controlled area. A group of Palestinians burned an Israeli flag. No injuries were reported.

In Hebron, demonstrators stoned policemen, who responded by firing rubber bullets, Israel Radio said. Three demonstrators and one policeman were slightly hurt, the radio said.

In other Palestinian-controlled cities throughout the West Bank – including Ramallah, Nablus, Tulkarm, Kalkilya, Jericho, and Jenin – there were similar protest marches calling on Israel to release security prisoners. Protesters also lambasted the Palestinian leadership for not doing enough to secure the release of an estimated 2,500 Palestinians in Israeli jails.

Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat would raise the issue with President Bill Clinton in Washington this week. The PA claims Israel has violated the Wye Memorandum concerning their release.

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A policeman raises his baton at a Palestinian rioter yesterday in Jerusalem. (AP)

IDF opposes Lebanon pullout

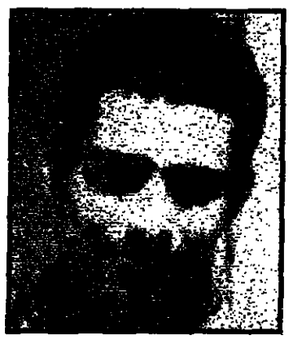
Netanyahu calls special security cabinet meeting

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is expected to reject any unilateral withdrawal from the security zone at today's meeting of the security cabinet, convened by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu following the increased casualties in south Lebanon.

Bomb kills two more soldiers in zone, Page 2

Two IDF soldiers, Staff-Sgt. Ohad Nahmias, and Staff-Sgt. Eyal Cohen, were killed late Thursday night in a Hizbullah bomb attack in the security zone. Seven soldiers have been killed in Lebanon in the last two weeks.



Staff-Sgt. Eyal Cohen (IDF Spokesman)



Staff-Sgt. Ohad Nahmias (IDF Spokesman)

Last night Mordechai held a forum to review strategy on Lebanon at his Tel Aviv headquarters. The biannual meeting was to have taken place later this week, but was moved forward to be able to present the Defense Ministry's assessment to the inner cabinet this morning.

Defense sources said that, despite the increase in casualties and Syrian pressure on Hizbullah to step up attacks on the IDF in Lebanon – as well as the growing public debate in Israel – the IDF has not changed its long-standing position that the least costly way to defend the North is from inside the security zone.

"Under the circumstances, [remaining in the security zone] is the most optimal way to protect the North," said a senior defense source. "It's a question of the lesser of the evils."

Netanyahu, who cut short his European visit to review the security arrangements in Lebanon, yesterday called on the Lebanese Army to deploy southward to rein in Hizbullah.

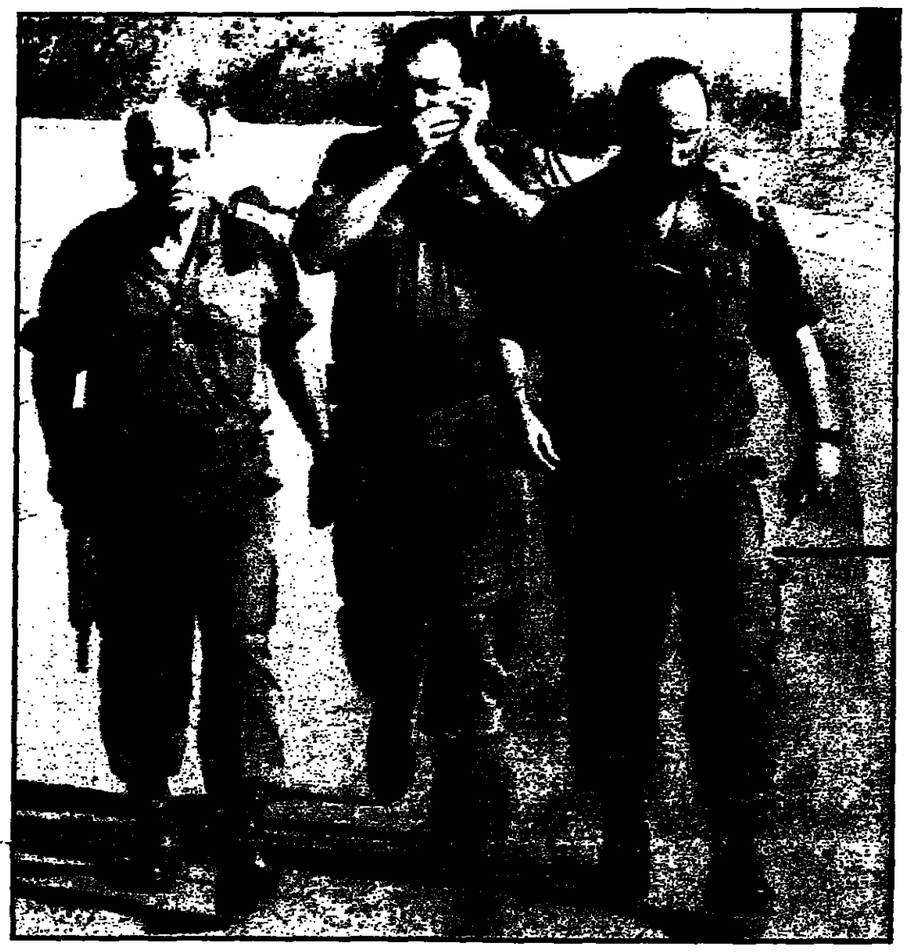
He added that the assessment today is aimed at finding a way out of Lebanon.

"It's not easy to get out of Lebanon, for the simple reason that we have been there for 20 years to protect the North," Netanyahu told Channel 1. "We are open to thinking in a variety of creative ways to fulfill this goal of defending the North and to cut down the attacks on our soldiers."

Meanwhile, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz called on the public not to panic over the soldiers' deaths.

"We have a very strong army and good fighters and commanders in the security zone. I very much advise not to lose our heads. That's my message: not to panic from the fact that three incidents happened to us, each one difficult in its own right," Mofaz told reporters, adding "we have known much more difficult incidents in the past."

Mofaz noted that, statistically, this year the IDF has performed better and has had more success against Hizbullah than in previous years.



Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz (left) inspects the northern border Friday, accompanied by IDF Spokesman Brig.-Gen. Oded Ben-Ami (center) and an unidentified officer. (Avihu Shapira)

"But we don't have any magic solutions," Mofaz continued. "You have to remember that there is a price for this war against Hizbullah."

Earlier, Mofaz said the IDF would continue to operate in Lebanon with an "iron fist" and exhorted the public to show its support.

"There cannot be cracks in the faith of the public in the IDF," he said. "A unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon would be in the framework of taking an unreasonable risk.

"As long as the situation is as it is, and there is no body that will take responsibility instead of the IDF, then we cannot withdraw unilaterally," Mofaz said.

Senior security sources said Hizbullah has doubled its attacks this past year compared to 1997 and that next year the IDF assessment is that Hizbullah will increase its activity and introduce new threats. These include more advanced anti-tank weapons and maybe even longer-range Katyushas, capable of hitting more cities in the North.

A senior intelligence source said the IDF believes the Lebanese government is capable of enforcing its sovereignty in all of southern Lebanon, but will not do so without Syrian approval.

Senior security sources said that it is generally agreed upon in the IDF that no solution to the Lebanon problem can be found without Syria, which is pulling the strings in Lebanon to kill any Israeli initiative to quit the security zone.

But the IDF is also opposed to calls by some politicians to punish Syria as a means of deterring attacks on Israeli forces.

Instead of a unilateral withdrawal, the IDF is proposing a series of steps to bolster protection for its soldiers, while maintaining its main mission of ensuring security for the North.

The IDF has already cut down on resupply convoys and increased the use of the air force, particularly helicopter gunships. It is reportedly also considering reducing the number of outposts in the security zone.

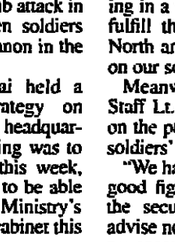
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Texas Gov. Bush arrives for visit

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – Texas Governor George W. Bush begins a three-day visit to Israel today that is apparently meant to burnish his foreign affairs credentials in advance of a possible race for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000.

Bush, who captured 69 percent of the vote in winning a second term on November 3, is traveling on what his office is calling a "private visit" with his wife, Laura, and three other Republican governors, Paul Cellucci (Massachusetts), Michael Leavitt (Utah) and Mark Racicot (Montana).



Gov. Bush (AP)

On their way to Israel, the Bushes spent a week in Italy to visit their daughter, who is studying there. They also spent Friday in Cairo, where Bush met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

This is the first visit to Israel for all four governors. They are being brought to Israel by nine officers of the National Jewish Coalition, a Washington-based Republican organization that frequently sponsors Israel trips for leading Republicans.

During their stay the group is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, as well as with Labor Party head Ehud Barak and former premier Shimon Peres.

They were attempting to arrange a meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Briefings and tours are also planned on security and strategic matters, including a possible helicopter tour of the Golan Heights.

"We're taking four governors who are rising stars in the Republican Party, have important constituencies, and have never been to Israel," said NJC's executive director Matt Brooks. "It's an opportunity to give them an introduction to the issues and complexities of the region."

Meanwhile, the administration said Friday that President Bill Clinton would deliver the opening remarks at tomorrow's State Department gathering of 40 nations that will pledge several billions of dollars to assist the Palestinians.

Jerusalem's 12-member delegation, which is to arrive today for a 24-hour visit, includes government coordinator in the territories Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Orr, as well as the following Foreign Ministry officials: director-general Eytan Bentsur; deputy director-general for finance Victor Harel; the head of the finance division Miriam Ziv; and the head of autonomy division Pinhas Avivi.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is hosting the event.

Yisrael Ba'aliya threatens to bolt gov't over Public Housing Law

By SARAH HONIG

Yisrael Ba'aliya last night added to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's growing list of worries, warning that if he implements the Public Housing Law, under which public housing is to be sold at a discount to veteran residents, he would lose the support of the party's seven MKs.

Yisrael Ba'aliya insists that this law – which passed last month despite government opposition – helps those who immigrated to Israel in the 1950s, while discriminating against recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

The latter, Yisrael Ba'aliya claims, are in more dire need and the legislation would remove low-cost flats from the rental market.

This threat was prompted by the expected addition of Gesher leader David Levy to the cabinet, which would add at least three more votes to the declining coalition.

Levy and his faction were among the most enthusiastic advocates of the Public Housing Law, which would allow for the sale of public housing stock at greatly reduced prices to those who had been renting such apartments for decades.

Yisrael Ba'aliya fears that the government promised Levy it would not sabotage the new legislation, sweep it under a bureaucratic carpet or supplant it with a different bill, as Yisrael Ba'aliya wants – and as many other officials had wanted, particularly in the Treasury.

Yesterday the party effectively warned Netanyahu that he would have to make a choice between its seven MKs and Levy's three.

Late last night, the Likud resumed its efforts to tie all remaining loose ends in its negotiations with Gesher. Still unclear is which portfolio (finance or national infrastructure) Levy will pick up, how many Gesher members will now be counted in the coalition (five, as Gesher formally numbers, or three, who are willing to toe Levy's line), whether the Gesher MKs will vote for the budget bill, and what sort of political financing Gesher can expect.

The question of Gesher's merger into the Likud is more complex, as it entails packing the 2,700-member party central committee with 500 more members from Gesher. This is hotly disputed in the Likud and may result in delaying the merger until long after Gesher joins the government.

The Likud central committee is slated to meet this week to deliberate on the proposed merger.

The latest row involves the proposal that the actual vote not take place following the debate at the central committee session. Instead, committee chairman Tzahi Hanegbi proposed that the vote be postponed and take place in three different locations in the country.

According to Hanegbi, this is to ensure that as many of the central committee members as possible get to cast their ballots. Opponents of the deal with Gesher say that the later vote in three venues will make it more difficult to control the balloting and allow for fraud.

Hanegbi countered that representatives of both supporters and opponents to the deal with Levy will be stationed as observers at each of the three polling stations.

A Labor central committee session scheduled for mid-December is also generating controversy. It is slated to discuss reforms in the party structure, to which no one in Labor has been made fully privy. This has generated rumors in the party that chairman Ehud Barak was preparing to join a national unity coalition.

Barak issued an official statement last night denying that he has any national unity scheme up his sleeve.

"The only changes on the agenda involve giving the party a face-lift and helping us win the next elections," he said.

Labor sources indicated that the face-lift may involve changing the party's name, perhaps to New Labor.

Party secretary-general Ra'anan Cohen, however, does suspect Barak of having other intentions. He prevented a discussion of Barak's renewal plans at last Thursday's session of the Labor political bureau, fearing that what Barak really has in mind is to usurp the secretary-general's authority.

El Al pilots warn of sanctions

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Passengers on El Al flights may face delays or cancellations this week as a result of threatened work stoppages by the company's pilots, who are protesting what they say is the policy of utilizing an increasing number of pilots from other Israeli airlines.

The pilots, meeting on Friday, said that the national airline had stepped up the use of the lower-paid pilots of Arkia, Israir and Aeroair – the domestic and charter airlines – to cut costs. Instead, they said, it should devote its efforts to increasing profits by developing additional tourist markets.

The pilots said that they would begin work stoppages and would ask the Histadrut to declare a labor dispute.

El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman said last night that management had only learned of the pilots' move from the media. As of last night, he said, there had been no move by the pilots to disrupt any flights.

Kleiman said that a labor agreement had been signed only a short time ago, but despite this, the company had agreed to negotiate with the pilots in an effort to close the gap in pay between them and pilots from the other airlines.

He added that the company policy was to operate as many flights as possible with El Al flight crews, taking on workers from other companies only during peak travel periods.

Kleiman also said that as Israel now had a policy of open skies, any interference with flights would mainly hurt the company's employees and their families.

So far, he noted, the pilots had taken none of the steps legally required in advance of sanctions.

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in brief

Wounded soldier's parents become citizens

The parents of the soldier Alexi Yermenko, who was seriously wounded when a rocket hit his tank in south Lebanon, will receive Israeli citizenship today. The parents, who have been living in Moscow, arrived in Israel following their son's injury, and shortly afterwards announced their wish to obtain citizenship as soon as possible.

They are to receive their citizenship at a ceremony this morning at the Interior Ministry's Haifa office, accompanied by Jewish Agency absorption department head Haim Chesler. *Itim*

Indian army unit joins UNIFIL in Lebanon

An Indian army contingent yesterday formally replaced the Norwegian unit of UNIFIL as Norwegian Defence Minister Dag Jostein Fjaervoll attended the handover ceremony at a UN base in the south Lebanese village of Ebel es-Saqi. The 617-strong Indian mission joins a total force of 4,450 soldiers that currently has troops from Fiji, Finland, France, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Nepal and Poland.

Norway has provided the multinational force with troops for the past 20 years. Officials said the unit was pulling out now because of recruiting problems. *Reuters*

Clinton's visit officially announced

The White House on Friday officially announced that US President Bill Clinton will be visiting Israel, Gaza and the West Bank for four days, beginning Saturday, December 12.

Clinton will address a meeting of the Palestinian National Council, probably on December 14, that will confirm Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's letter to Clinton earlier this year that annulled sections of the organization's charter.

Clinton will meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu as well as with Arafat, and will speak to Israelis and Palestinians "about the importance of the Wye agreement and the need to continue to support the Middle East peace process," the White House said. *Hillel Kuttler*

Jordan: Stability linked to Palestinian state

Crown Prince Hassan said yesterday Jordan's security would suffer if Palestinians were denied their "legitimate right" to an independent state. "We firmly believe in the right of the Palestinian people to their land, resources and state," the prince said. "And the Palestinian people's achievement of their legitimate rights in full is a basic cornerstone for our own security and the security of the region as a whole," he told lawmakers, at the formal opening of parliament. *Reuters*

Two remanded in Jerusalem arson

Two suspects in the torching of Ben-Zion Karni's apartment on Jerusalem's Rehov Shmuel Hanavi on November 21 had their remanded extended Friday for five days by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court. The two, Elad Levi, 21 and David Yisraeli, 18, who live near Karni's apartment, were arrested Friday morning. The two admitted that they wanted to burn the apartment because Karni drove on in the neighborhood Shabbat, played music loudly, and flirted with religious girls who passed near his home. They said he was also seen with Levi's ex-fiancee. *Elli Wohlgelernter*

Reconstructionists may join Reform

Kehilat Mevakshei Derekh, a hitherto unaffiliated congregation in Jerusalem, is considering affiliating itself with Israel's Reform movement, sources in both said this weekend.

Many of the founders of the congregation were immigrants from the US with ideological and organizational ties to the Reconstructionist movement, but many members feel that the Reform movement would be better able to assist it, both financially and organizationally in its educational activities, than the relatively small Reconstructionist movement. Both sides warned, however, that a final decision has yet to be made. *Haim Shapiro*

Immigrants arrive from Quara

Ninety-three immigrants from the Quara province, in Ethiopia, arrived here this weekend. This is the largest group of Ethiopian Jews to arrive from the Quara province recently and follows a government decision to accelerate the immigration of Jews from Quara and Gondar. This number adds to the 100 immigrants who have arrived from Quara over the last four months.

Most of them went to the absorption center in Beersheba. Among the group were a mother and her two daughters, who have not seen their father for 18 years.

The Absorption Ministry estimates the flow of immigrants will grow, since the Interior Ministry has given the green light to accept Ethiopian Jews waiting to move to Israel. *Itim*

Herzliya girl falls four floors

A five year-old girl fell yesterday evening from the fourth floor of a building in Herzliya. She was taken to Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava, where she was listed in serious condition.

Tel Aviv police said their initial investigations suggest the girl's fall was an accident, but are continuing to investigate her parents. *Itim*

Police catch gang of TA jewelry thieves

Police from Modi'in and the Hayarkon district arrested three men on Thursday night suspected of a string of jewelry robberies. Their capture followed the investigation of a spate of break-ins over the last few months in the center of Tel Aviv, where large quantities of expensive jewelry and silverware, medals, and clocks have been stolen. One of the arrested men is a craftsman in the city's Neveh Zedek quarter and is suspected of fencing the stolen goods. The three are to be remanded today. The public will be invited to come and identify their stolen property in the next few days. *Itim*

Bomb kills 2 more soldiers in zone

By DAVID RUDGE

Staff-Sgt. Ohad Nahmias, 20, of Acre, one of the two IDF soldiers killed in a Hizbullah bomb attack in the security zone late Thursday night, is to be buried at Nahariya Military Cemetery this afternoon.

The other soldier killed in the incident, Staff-Sgt. Eyal Cohen, 20, of Beersheba, was laid to rest in that city's military cemetery on Friday.

Their deaths brought to seven the number of IDF fatalities in Hizbullah attacks in Lebanon in the space of two weeks. Nine soldiers have been wounded – four of them seriously – during the same period.

Nahmias and Cohen were killed during an attempt to extricate an armored personnel carrier (APC) that had been hit and disabled by a bomb. Two other soldiers were lightly wounded in the blast.

The incident began around 9 p.m. Thursday, when a combined Armored Corps and infantry unit from the Nahal Brigade were en route to the western sector of the zone, not far from the IDF's Karkum outpost.

The troops were traveling in a convoy of two tanks and an APC, when a bomb was detonated alongside the latter.

The APC with the infantry aboard was disabled, but there were no casualties. The dilemma at that point was whether to leave the vehicle with the troops to guard it, or to extricate both the soldiers and the APC.

It was decided to do the latter, but after nearly two hours the two tanks, in tandem, failed to move the stricken vehicle.

At this point, according to an initial inquiry, a second device was detonated – apparently by Hizbullah men hiding in the area who waited until a number of soldiers were exposed. No one inside the tanks was hurt.

Later, in what has been a hallmark of such operations by Hizbullah, gunmen laid down a barrage of mortar fire on the Karkum outpost and nearby areas to cover their retreat.

The attack was very similar to the two that occurred near the Tel Kabah position in the eastern sector of the security zone, on Wednesday and on November 16, which killed five Golani Brigade soldiers. Senior IDF sources said the bombs in all three attacks were laid by the same Hizbullah squad.

Inquiries into the two earlier attacks revealed that a Hizbullah bomb squad had infiltrated the zone and had holed up in a house in nearby Markabeh village with the aid of local residents.

The timing and coordination involved indicates that the Hizbullah gunmen received assistance from residents of the zone, who apparently provided detailed knowledge of the area and the IDF's movements there.

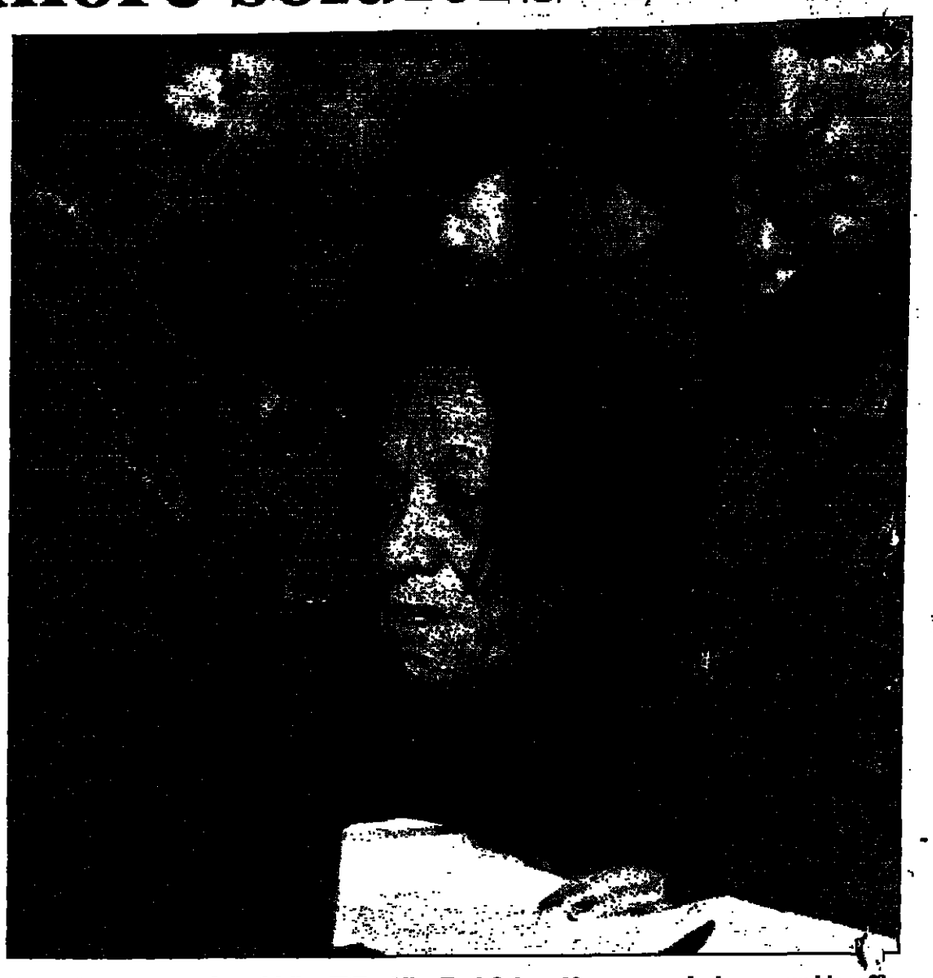
IAF warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the region of Siddikin village, north of the zone in the western sector of south Lebanon, early Friday. There was a second attack early yesterday after gunmen again fired mortars at the Karkum area. IDF gunners also shelled targets north of the zone.

Hizbullah said on Friday it had a good week.

"Sometimes we win some and sometimes the enemy does. With the grace of Allah, we've managed to jump ahead of Israel's sophisticated security this time," Hussein Khalil, a senior Hizbullah official, told Reuters.

The army doesn't have a totally effective defense against the explosive devices that Hizbullah gunmen have been using, a senior military source said. Since January, Hizbullah has laid over 100 bombs. The IDF detected and neutralized 30 of them, but the rest killed 16 of the 22 soldiers who have died in Lebanon so far this year.

Arieh O'Sullivan contributed to this report.



Ora Selima, grandmother of fallen IDF soldier Eyal Cohen, 20, weeps as she leans over his coffin at his funeral Friday in Beersheba. (AP)

Top Cypriot parliamentarian postpones visit in spy protest

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Cyprus's top parliamentarian has postponed an official visit to Israel, apparently to protest the recent Mossad spy scandal on the island, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Spyros Kyprianou, the president of Cyprus's House of Representatives, was due to visit Israel at the beginning of January. The House of Representatives president is the Cypriot equivalent of the Knesset Speaker.

The Knesset spokesman last night was unaware of Kyprianou's postponement.

Kyprianou is the first high-ranking Cypriot official to cancel a visit to Israel following the arrest of two Israeli agents at the fishing village of Ziyi earlier this month. Both the Cypriot communications minister and the country's top judge have visited Israel since the spy scandal broke on November 6.

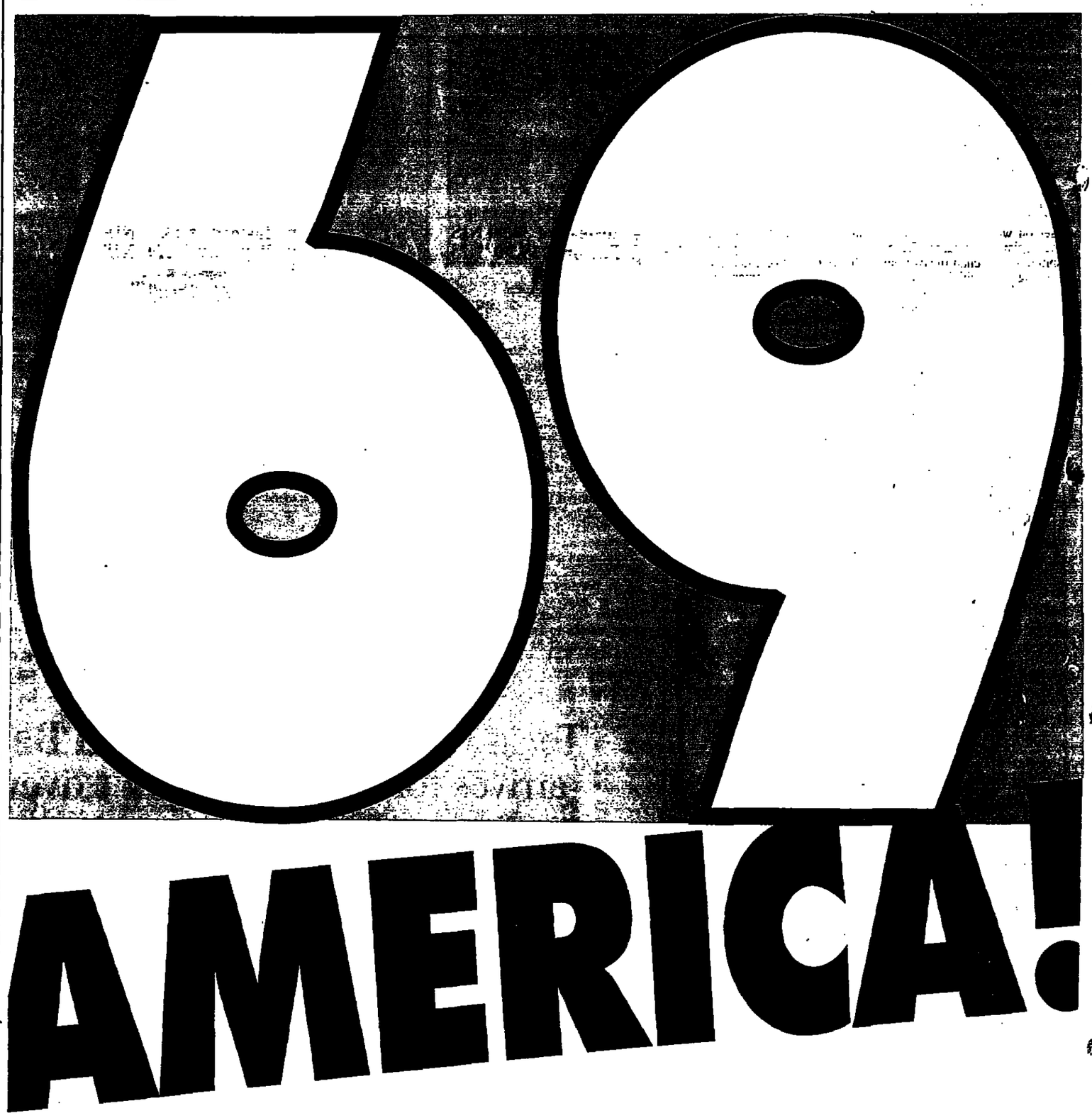
Cypriot Ambassador to Israel Euripides Evriviades, meanwhile, this weekend denied reports that the families of the two spies had been prevented from visiting the arrested men, Udi Hargov and Yigal Damary.

Evriviades said no request had been made by either man's family to visit them, and that such a request would be welcomed by the authorities.

The imprisoned men are visited daily by the Israeli consul, who also brings them food to supplement the prison fare, the ambassador added.

The two men are scheduled to stand trial before a three-judge court on December 8. If found guilty of espionage, they face a maximum penalty of 10 years. Israeli officials have expressed hope, however, that the two will be returned to Israel.

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Enflamed passions
A Palestinian man sets fire to effigies of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and President Bill Clinton, during an anti-Israel protest Friday at the refugee camp in Sidon, Lebanon. (AP)

Students to try to wrap up deal today

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Representatives of striking students seeking lower tuition and more financial aid are expected to meet with Treasury officials and representatives of the Prime Minister's Office today, but a spokesman for the students said last night he was not optimistic the strike, entering its sixth week, is nearing an end.

Student spokesman Ronen Hershkowitz said that while a framework for agreement on some issues had been worked out, "nothing has been signed, and we're hearing from striking students that they want more than what has been agreed upon."

Hershkowitz said agreements in principle have already been worked out to offer students a NIS 10,000 loan per year, to be returned beginning one to two years after the student begins work, at 3% interest, 4% for graduate students. Agreement was also reached on establishing a committee to include student representatives to examine significantly expanding existing dormitory space.

However, agreement has not been finalized on just how much tuition would be reduced for students performing community service, or just what frameworks would be included for that community service. In addition, the students are demanding that those of them who do more than 30 days military reserve duty a year qualify automatically for tuition reduction, and not have to perform community service in addition.

The students called off their hunger strike on Thursday, at the request of President Ezer Weizman and following Wednesday's partial agreement with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu just prior to his departure for Europe.

The College for Business Administration, which has campuses in Tel Aviv and Rishon Lezion, the Ashkelon College, and the Jordan Valley College have already announced they will resume classes today. However, classes at most of the nation's institutions of higher education will still be closed.

Itim adds:

Hundreds of students participated in a demonstration in Rabin Square Friday shouting "no agreement," then marched through neighboring streets guarded by 300 police. "There is nothing in this agreement," said Ayelet Tsahori, a Technion student. "Our representatives sat for 18 hours. Maybe the prime minister tired them out."

The students came from universities around the country, after some hesitation following the deaths of several soldiers in Lebanon. "But we decided that we have to fight for the social strength of the country," said Erez Eshel.

400 to attend Israeli-US parley on women's health

By JUDY SIEGEL

Nearly 400 women will take part in the first Israeli-US binational conference on "Promoting Women's Health Across Generations," for which more than 80 American delegates and attendees – including Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Donna Shalala – are arriving in Jerusalem this week.

Organized by the HHS and the Health Ministry, it will be co-convened by Shalala – the longest serving HHS secretary in US history – and Health Minister Yehoshua Matza.

Dr. Rahel Adatto-Levy, Matza's adviser on women's health and a gynecologist at Shaare Zedek Hospital, will co-chair the two-day conference, which opens Wednesday, along with Dr. Susan Wood, a US expert on women's health.

The event will provide a forum to discuss a range of global health topics relating to women, including heart disease, breast cancer, working women's health and prevention strategies for risky behaviors during adolescence. It also aims at generating joint projects for advancing women's health.

Marlene Post, a nurse who is president of the Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization of America, will be one of the US delegates.

The organizers note that until recently, most clinical studies have been conducted on men only, for fear that new medications and treatments could be adversely affected by women's hormonal influences or that the babies of those becoming pregnant during the trial could be endangered.

As a result, women have been taking drugs and undergoing treatments whose effects were not clearly proven effective or even safe in women.

Palestinian women struggle for equal rights

ESTHER HECHT

Her back hunched, her ears filled with the monotonous clatter of her sewing machine, a woman in the Palestinian textile industry may earn as little as NIS 1 per hour of mind-numbing labor.

She can only dream of the meager benefits the law affords, like six weeks' maternity leave at half pay. Most work places in the Palestinian Authority are very small, and the law applies only where there are at least five employees.

Even a proposed updating of the labor law would not change the five-worker minimum. One suggested benefit, a shorter work day for nursing mothers, would apply only where there are at least 50 employees.

These are some of the harsh facts that emerged when 35 Israeli and Palestinian women met in Ramallah last week to learn from each other's experiences as trade-union activists.

In an age when organized labor is ridiculed as anachronistic, what the women heard from each other reaffirmed their conviction that unions – and progressive laws – are still their ticket to higher pay and decent work conditions.

Even Israel has far to go, said Shula Cohen, Histadrut chairman in Karmiel and head of the trade union department of Na'amat, the working women's organization. The country's progressive labor laws are poorly enforced, she said. Despite the rule of equal pay for equal work, for example, the average wage of women is only 60 percent of that of men.

But the law that guarantees a woman a place on the works committee in certain large workplaces has made a difference. In the Delta textile factory in Karmiel, for example, "benefits for women have come from there being women in the works committee," Cohen said.

Though the two groups at the two-day symposium seemed equally articulate and determined, the Palestinians described themselves as working against much greater odds: a weaker economy and regressive labor laws, a patriarchal society with traditional views of a woman's role, and the lasting effects of occupation.

"We have a 50-year lag" in comparison with Israeli women, said Thuraya Alyan, of the Ramallah-based Democracy and Workers' Rights Center (DWRC). Not only do relatively few women work outside their homes, but of these, only a small percentage are active in unions, though the number is growing.

Even the notion of collective agreements is new in Palestinian society, said Iman Assaf, a section head in the PA Labor Ministry's inspection department. Where such agreements do exist, they rarely go beyond the minimum conditions set by the law.

"It was a great achievement just to get employers to restrict work to eight hours a day," she said.

Palestinian feminists were active as early as the 1920s, but most of their activity was nationalist and political, said Amal Khrieshe, general coordinator of the Palestinian Working Women Society, an umbrella group formed in 1981.

Today, Palestinian women are still trying to define their goals and how they can work most effectively to improve their status, she said.

The two-day symposium was sponsored by Na'amat and the DWRC, under the auspices of FAFO, the Norwegian social science institute that helped bring Israel and the PLO together for the Oslo talks. The Na'amat participants were from the Karmiel area.

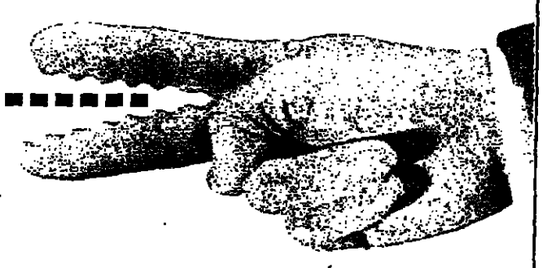
The framework for the meeting was the people-to-people section of the Oslo agreement. And indeed, how relations between the two groups of women developed was as interesting as the information they exchanged.

It had taken two years to get the symposium off the ground, the organizers said. Some Palestinians couldn't attend because their husbands wouldn't allow them to sleep away from home overnight. Many of the Israelis were terrified at the thought of sleeping in Ramallah.

The first day started off with the women seated back to back at two long tables. But by the evening, something clicked.

In the hotel, the women sat down together and started singing to each other. There were awkward moments, particularly when the Palestinians referred to the occupation.

But by the end of the second day, some of the stereotypes on both sides had dissipated, and, as the beaming women parted, they talked eagerly about their next meeting, on December 10, in Karmiel.



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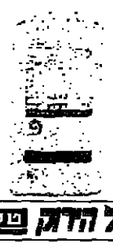
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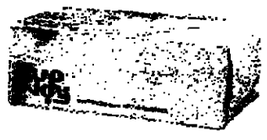
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PKK claims downing of Turkish helicopter

By JON HEMMING

ANKARA (Reuters) – Kurdish guerrillas, whose leader Abdullah Ocalan is the focus of a row between Turkey and its NATO allies Italy and Germany, said yesterday they had shot down a Turkish army helicopter and killed over a dozen troops.

"The Sikorsky helicopter was shot down by National Liberation Army of Kurdistan (ARGK) forces as it tried to deploy troops on the Kartal peak in the Cukurca area," the Kurdish DEM news agency said. The ARGK is the military wing of the PKK.

The agency quoted the PKK as saying that 17 soldiers were killed.

Turkey's emergency rule governor's office in Diyarbakir had said earlier 15 soldiers had died and one was injured when the Sikorsky helicopter crashed on Friday near Cukurca close to the Iraqi border, while returning from an operation against the PKK.

"Investigations into whether it crashed due to a technical fault or was brought down are continuing," a security official told Reuters. PKK rebels brought down two Turkish military helicopters in Iraq last year using Russian-made missiles.

The crash comes as Ocalan, under house arrest in Italy, issued a threat that his guerrillas could escalate their 14-year conflict with Turkey that has killed 29,000 people.

"If we were to show our real armed power, the results would be much worse," he told the Kurdish satellite television channel Med TV by telephone from Rome late on Friday.

Turkish forces have regularly mounted offensives into northern Iraq to hit the Turkish Kurd PKK, which uses the Iraqi Kurd-held region to launch raids into Turkey's southeast.

Two Turkish envoys carrying a 900-page extradition dossier arrived in Rome yesterday, but Italy has already said its constitution prevents it from extraditing anyone to a country which has the death penalty, such as Turkey.

"They have hosted me very well, for that reason I thank Italy," Ocalan, known as "Apo," told Med TV.

Italy's refusal to hand over Ocalan, arrested arriving at Rome airport from Moscow on November 12, has led to a diplomatic row with Turkey, which holds the rebel chief responsible for the thousands killed in the conflict.

Fearing reprisals by Ocalan's militants and unrest among some 2.7 million Turks and Kurds living in his country, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Friday refused to ask for Ocalan's extradition from Italy.

Some 18,000 Turks took to the streets of Bonn, Berlin, Munich, and Nuremberg yesterday to demand that Italy extradite Ocalan to Turkey after Germany's refusal to try him.

German newspapers blasted Schroeder's government, saying the decision not to extradite Ocalan showed a stunning lack of courage. They said Schroeder was sending the wrong signal to the world.

Italian Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema held talks with German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer in Rome yesterday, after which neither made any comment but commentators said it was virtually certain they discussed Germany's fear of the PKK.

Italian newspapers said there is a growing chance the Kurdish leader, considered a terrorist by Turkey, would be sent back to Moscow before Christmas. Italy's defense minister said on Friday Ocalan could be expelled to a third country.



Bus plunges after driver shot

Rescuers look for survivors under a Seattle, Washington bus on Friday, after a passenger shot the driver in the arm, causing it to plow through a barrier and plunge some 15 meters off a bridge and onto an apartment building. The driver was thrown from the bus and killed, and a male passenger, who was shot in the head, died in the hospital. Thirty passengers were injured, two critically, but no one on the ground or in the apartment building was hurt. Police had not yet determined whether the dead passenger was the shooting suspect, or another victim shot by the true suspect. (Reuters)

Congo cease-fire reached at Paris Africa summit

By IAN PHILLIPS

PARIS (AP) – The countries at war in the Congo agreed yesterday to a cease-fire to end the fighting between rebels and forces loyal to Congolese President Laurent Kabila, French President Jacques Chirac said.

Chirac told a news conference on the final day of a summit of African leaders in Paris that Uganda, Rwanda, and Congo "had reached a consensus to stop this war." Brokered by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, a cease-fire agreement is to be signed sometime in December before a meeting of the Organization of African Unity on December 17-18, Chirac said.

"The secretary-general has achieved an agreement for the reaffirmation of the commitment to put an end to this absurd and painful war," Chirac said.

Earlier, Annan presided at a two-hour meeting of officials, including Kabila and the leaders of Uganda and Rwanda, who are supporting rebels waging an insurgency in Congo. The heads of Zimbabwe and Burkina Faso also took part.

Chirac said the meeting had been "held in a tense but not hostile environment." He did not refer to whether the rebels in Congo had been consulted, or what their position now would be.

He said Kabila had agreed to democratic reforms and the need to establish dialogue. "Every party has made progress toward a greater rapprochement," he said.

Kabila came to power in May 1997 after toppling longtime Zairian dictator Mobutu Sese Seko. He promised reform and democracy in his renamed Democratic Republic of Congo, but many critics say his regime's 18 months in power have seen repressive policies and a growing intolerance of criticism.

Disaffected members of his armed forces banded together with ethnic Tutsi insurgents earlier this year and launched a rebellion, accusing the president of corruption, nepotism, and tribalism.

The purpose of the Paris talks on the sidelines of an African summit on security was to try to work out some framework for peace negotiations between the warring parties.

Annan on Friday had urged African leaders – especially those at war in the Congo – to renounce violence and accept compromise to achieve peace.

Annan said many African conflicts are "rooted in a culture of intolerance" and that the Congo conflict poses the continent's greatest challenge.

Chirac on Friday urged African nations to do their own peacekeeping – a departure from past practices that put the burden on France and other Western nations. Chirac also renewed France's call for a regional peace conference in central Africa's Great Lakes region.

Thirty four African leaders attended the 20th French-African summit, which addressed the issue of how to tame wars raging across the continent.

All eyes were on Kabila, who finally sat down with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni and Pasteur Bizimungu, Rwanda's leader.

Exxon, Mobil oil confirm biggest ever merger talks

NEW YORK (Reuters) – Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. on Friday confirmed they were engaged in merger talks, and investors responded by bidding up the market value of Mobil shares to more than $70 billion.

Exxon, the biggest US oil company, and Mobil, the industry No. 2, said in a joint statement that no agreement had yet been reached. The statement followed two days of market talk and unconfirmed reports that the biggest industrial merger in history was in the works.

Mobil finished at $85.50, up from its close at $78.375 on Wednesday, before Thanksgiving. Exxon shares rose $1.75 to $74.375.

Oil industry analysts say the rationale for the deal is cost savings. Exxon, already No. 1, has little reason to simply get bigger, they said.

With a merger, Exxon would gain nothing strategically, in terms of access to crude oil reserves, that it could not have achieved on its own, analysts said.

Cutting costs in an era of $11-per-barrel oil, the lowest price in real terms for 25 years, and stiff competition in the refining and gasoline sales industry is the only way oil companies can face the future with any confidence, according to analysts.

Combined, Exxon and Mobil would have annual sales of 2.78 billion barrels of petroleum products in the United States and 2.61 billion barrels in Europe. Their oil reserves would be 20.74 billion barrels of oil and natural gas.

Mayer said that based on the experience of British Petroleum Co. Plc's acquisition of Amoco Corp., where annual cost savings of $2 billion are projected, Exxon and Mobil could expect to trim $3 billion to $4 billion of costs after a merger. Also, the two could probably sell assets worth $1.2 billion, he said.

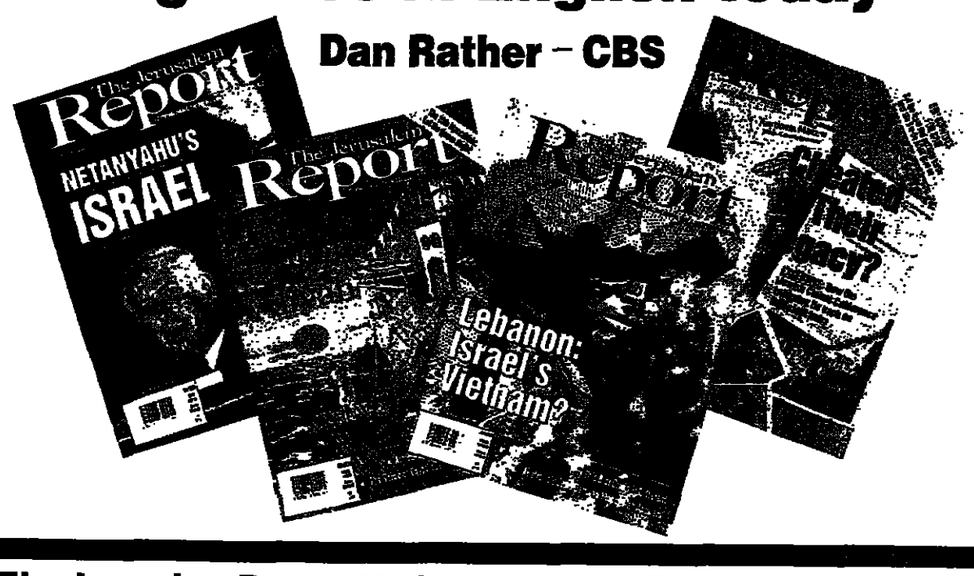
Schroder's Mayer estimated the combined companies' 1999 earnings at $10.225 billion.

With oil prices remaining depressed and the US consumer benefiting from the lowest gasoline prices ever in real terms, analysts say even a company the size of a merged Exxon and Mobil would not be able to exert significant monopoly pricing power.

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Clinton denies impeachment charges

By STEVE HOLLAND

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – President Bill Clinton on Friday denied impeachment charges in answers to 81 questions from Congress about the Monica Lewinsky scandal, yielding no new ground on his affair with the former White House intern.

He admitted misleading the public and top aides but insisted that his August 17 grand jury testimony "was not false and misleading."

In several of his answers, Clinton said he could not recall details or did not remember events.

The White House turned over to the House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee Clinton's answers to 81 questions central to the impeachment inquiry.

Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, an Illinois Republican, had sent the questions more than three weeks ago and on Wednesday threatened to subpoena Clinton for the answers if they were not delivered by tomorrow.

Hyde, in a written statement, acknowledged receipt of Clinton's responses and said the committee would "carefully review" them.

But another committee member and frequent Clinton critic, Representative Bob Barr of Georgia, accused the president of using "tortured legal reasoning and convenient memory lapses" to deny "a clear case of perjury and obstruction of justice."

He said Clinton's response offered no exculpatory evidence and did not challenge the accuracy of the evidence before Congress.

Clinton said in an opening statement he hoped the answers would contribute to a "speedy and fair" end to the matter.

"For me, this long ago ceased to be primarily a legal or political issue and instead became a painful personal one, demanding atonement and daily work toward reconciliation and restoration of trust with my family, my friends, my administration and the American people," he said.

His attorney David Kendall added, "The president has responded to the chairman's questions in good faith."

Clinton's answers largely drew on previous testimony in responding to questions about the allegations of perjury, obstruction of justice and witness tampering that are being considered by the Judiciary Committee in its impeachment inquiry.

But he did admit he was wrong to make a finger-wagging denial on January 26 of having sexual relations with "that woman, Miss Lewinsky," shortly after the scandal broke.

"In referring to 'sexual relations,' I was referring to sexual intercourse. ... Answers like this misled people about this relationship, for which I have apologized," Clinton said.

He said he had not asked Lewinsky to deny a sexual relationship with him in her sworn statement to lawyers for Paula Jones in the Jones sexual harassment case against the president.



President Bill Clinton, his wife Hillary and daughter Chelsea walk on the South Lawn of the White House after returning from Camp David on Friday. (AP)

WORLD

in brief

Chinese president heckled in Japan

TOKYO (AP) – Protesters heckled Chinese President Jiang Zemin as he spoke at at Waseda University here yesterday, interrupting his speech urging Japan to atone for its militaristic past. Outside, scores of students protested torture and human rights abuses in China, shouting slogans and carrying placards.. Security personnel clashed with Japanese ultra-nationalists protesting Jiang's visit. On the first state visit here by a Chinese head of state, Jiang launched a strong appeal for Japan not to forget its brutal pre-World War II invasion, which he said killed or wounded 35 million Chinese.

Greece and Egypt hold joint naval exercise

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece and Egypt have begun a week-long joint naval exercise aimed at strengthening military ties between the two Mediterranean countries, defense officials here said yesterday. Two frigates from each country and other smaller vessels are participating in the exercises, which began Friday off the Egyptian port of Alexandria. The "Alexandria 98" maneuvers are part of a defense pact signed between the two countries when Defense Minister Akis Tsochadzopoulos visited Cairo earlier year.

Death-row killer dodges bullets, flees US jail

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (Reuters) – Murderer Martin Gurule dodged bullets in an escape from a high security Texas jail on Friday and eluded an army of law enforcement officers. Gurule, 29, is the first Texas prisoner to escape from death row since the 1930s. Prison officials said Gurule and six other prisoners late Thursday night cut through a fence and clambered onto a roof, where they hid for several hours. Shortly after midnight, guards spotted the men as they ran toward the razor-wire perimeter fence and opened fire. While the others surrendered, Gurule escaped. He was sentenced to death for killing a restaurant owner in 1992.

Branson, Fosset in Morocco for balloon bid

MARRAKESH (Reuters) – US adventurer Steve Fosset arrived here yesterday to team up with his erstwhile rival, British tycoon Richard Branson, in a joint bid to circle the world by balloon. "[T]he flight may take place by the end of next week," Per Lindstrand, their copilot, said late on Friday.

Chile's FM says let Pinochet go home

By ROBERT BARR

LONDON (AP) – Britain faced continuing pressure from Chile yesterday to let Gen. Augusto Pinochet, the former dictator, come home.

"The Chilean people have to be allowed to judge and decide how they are going to deal with their past," Chile's Foreign Minister Jose Miguel Insulza said in a BBC radio interview. "These processes are going on and I fully expect they will result in justice." Fourteen cases were already pending and Pinochet had no immunity from prosecution, said Insulza, who was himself an exile during Pinochet's rule in Chile.

The lawsuits pending in Chile were filed mostly by victims of repression or their relatives, the Communist Party, the National Association of Journalists, the National Association of Registered Nurses and the National Federation of School Teachers. All relate to killings or disappearances of some 3,197 people.

All the suits are being handled by Santiago Judge Juan Guzman, who has said he plans to question Pinochet in December – if he comes home.

"I can assure you that the cases are going to be prosecuted.

Insulza said at a news conference that: "There are several people in jail in Chile for violations of human rights, condemned for violations of human rights. So some cases have been opened, accused, tried and condemned." On Friday, a magistrate granted a one-week extension – until December 11 – for Home Secretary Jack Straw to decide whether to permit extradition proceedings to begin.

Pinochet, 83, who is sought by Spanish authorities on charges of genocide, torture and terrorism committed during his 17-year rule, remains under police guard at a London hospital. He was arrested October 16.

There was fresh evidence of strains in Chile's relations with Britain. The Ministry of Defense said it has canceled plans for the frigate HMS Sutherland to appear at a naval fair in the Chilean port of Valparaiso, and the Foreign Office said it was temporarily closing its consular office in the city. Four other British consulates and the embassy in Santiago remain open.

Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate Graham Parkinson ordered Pinochet to appear in court on December 11 to hear Straw's decision, "subject to any medical reports." "There must be time given for proper consideration," Parkinson told attorneys representing Britain, Spain and Pinochet on Friday. "It is in some respects quite a historic decision to make." Britain's highest court of appeal ruled Wednesday that Pinochet could not claim immunity as a former head of state.

Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, who met Insulza on Friday, said he assured the Chilean that Pinochet's arrest and subsequent actions by the British government were not politically motivated.

Straw has wide discretion to decide whether to send the Spanish extradition request through the courts – or to allow Pinochet to go free.

Iraq to implement oil, food plan

By BERNIE WOODALL

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) – Iraq submitted on Friday a plan for the distribution of food, medicine, and other supplies – thereby moving closer to the implementation of a new phase of the UN oil-for-food plan – Iraqi and UN officials said.

Approval of the distribution plan by Secretary-General Kofi Annan's office is necessary before Iraq can resume oil exports. The Security Council approved the new plan on Tuesday, but Iraq intends to wait for Anan's approval before it resumes oil exports.

The oil-for-food plan, which began in December 1996, is an exception to stringent trade sanctions imposed after Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait in August 1990. It allows Baghdad to sell a specific amount of oil every six months to purchase food, medicine, and other necessities. The latest renewal is for the same $5.25 billion.

Iraqi UN ambassador Nizar Hamdoon said he does not expect delays in UN approval of its distribution plan, because it closely follows the previous one.

ternational oil traders had predicted a gap of at least three weeks for Iraqi oil exports.

News that Baghdad appeared ready to resume oil sales was further bad news for the oil industry.

Uday Hussein's commandos crack down on opposition

BAGHDAD (AP) – President Saddam Hussein's eldest son, Uday, sent commandos to the southern city of Karbala during a crackdown following the assassination attempt on Saddam's deputy, *Babil* newspaper reported yesterday. The newspaper, published by Uday, said 39 "saboteurs and agents" were arrested in the crackdown that took place 72 hours after the bid on Izzat Ibrahim's life on Monday.

It did not say how many of the tough and lightly armed commandos from Saddam's Fedayeen took part or how long the operation lasted.

Karbala is in the southern Shi'ite Moslem heartland, which has long been a source of opposition to Saddam. The Fedayeen is a paramilitary force of about 40,000 run by Uday. To emphasize their ferocity, its commandos are often shown on television butchering cats, dogs, and wolves and then eating their raw meat.

Primakov irked by IMF; announces tax cuts

By ALASTAIR MACDONALD

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov, in unusually frank remarks, said yesterday he was irritated at being lectured on how to run his economy by unworldly "kids" from the International Monetary Fund.

But he conceded Russia had little choice but to negotiate with them and warned the IMF, whose managing director is due in Moscow next week, that he would have no option but to print more roubles if it refused to hand over credits it has held back.

In televised remarks during a visit to the western city of Belgorod, Primakov, who was appointed two months ago after state finances collapsed and the rouble crashed, said some monetary emission and state planning were now needed. But he pledged to keep inflation under control and safeguard market freedoms.

"It irritates me...when delegations come in made up of young kids who've seen almost nothing in life but have read a lot of books...and who, without knowing our situation, start to dictate or recommend some kind of development plans," he said. "But – we are obliged now to act in our own fashion, but also to listen." The 69-year-old former foreign minister, named by President Boris Yeltsin in September to appease Russia's Communist-led parliament, rarely uses such undiplomatic language.



Yevgeny Primakov (AP)

It was an indication of how far he is vexed by criticism from the West that measures to tighten state economic controls and relieve a shortage of liquidity amount to a reversal of market reforms and risk reigniting rampant inflation.

An IMF delegation left Moscow last week, criticising the government's budget plans and giving no indication the Fund was any closer to disbursing a $4.3 billion credit that was due to have been paid in September but has been withheld until Moscow produces a clear plan of how it intends to pay it back.

Primakov said he hoped it would be possible to reach agreement on disbursement of further IMF loan instalments when Fund chief Michel Camdessus visits Moscow on December 1-2.

He had a warning too for Camdessus, saying that without IMF money the government would simply pay debts by printing money.

"We cannot accept that there should be insufficient money supply in circulation," Primakov said. "If we don't receive the tranche we've been promised by the International Monetary Fund, we'd have to move toward a process of (monetary) emission." But he also said: "Of course, we are wary of uncontrolled emission...If it goes beyond some acceptable limit, then this could turn into a new leap of very serious inflation." Defending plans by his first deputy Yuri Maslyukov, a Communist who once ran Soviet central planning, for more state influence in the economy, Primakov was quoted by Itar-Tass news agency as saying: "It's not planning like we had before...(State regulation) is essential and goes on everywhere in the world." "We can't have a closed economy or isolationism," he added.

Primakov announced cuts in sales and profit tax rates in the 1999 budget on Friday, arguing this will tempt more Russians into making tax returns. But it has angered his finance minister and may not convince the IMF that revenues will improve.

He was quoted yesterday as saying ministers were also studying ways of tempting Russians to invest the $30-$40 billion officials believe they hold in dollar cash in their homes.

Conceding that, after the financial collapse of August, they had every reason not to trust Russian banks or the state itself, Primakov said the government was considering various schemes.

One of these would let people to put the cash in foreign banks which would be obliged in turn to invest the money in Russia.

BJP loses in Indian state elections

By KRISHNAN GURUSWAMY

NEW DELHI (AP) – In what is seen as a referendum on the eight-month-old Bharatiya Janata Party government, voters last week rejected the Hindu nationalist party in crucial state legislature elections in four states.

Admitting defeat for his party yesterday, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said voters who cast their ballots Wednesday appeared to want a change. He said the results would have no bearing on the stability of his 19-party coalition.

But the BJP's rout in three states – it did not contest in one northeastern state where a regional party was winning – could lead to infighting among the coalition partners.

It could put pressure on the Congress Party to unseat Vajpayee if it can woo enough lawmakers in federal Parliament. However, the Congress, which was leading – and certain to form governments – in the three states said it had no immediate plans to unseat the government.

More than 600 seats were contested in the four states – New Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram – in the voting Wednesday by about 5,000 candidates from dozens of political parties.

Even Vajpayee's coalition partners said the results indicated lack of faith in the BJP.

The Congress could win two-thirds of the seats in the states of Rajasthan and New Delhi, hitherto considered the BJP strongholds. Bucking opinion polls, the Congress also managed to retain power in the central state of Madhya Pradesh. A regional party was likely to form a government in Mizoram.

Quebec election may yield another referendum

By DAVID CRARY

MONTREAL (AP) – With the rest of Canada watching warily, Quebec voters make a momentous choice tomorrow between an incumbent provincial leader who favors independence and an underdog challenger seeking to end the threat of secession.

If Premier Lucien Bouchard's Parti Quebecois wins the election, he has pledged to hold a referendum on leaving Canada whenever he calculates that the separatists will prevail. Some militants in his party already have an unofficial motto: "A country for the year 2000."

The man with the difficult task of unseating him is Jean Charest, who left federal politics in March to become leader of the Quebec Liberal Party.

Charest, one of the few Canadian politicians who can match Bouchard's charisma, jumped ahead in early opinion polls and was hailed in other provinces as the potential savior of Canadian unity.

But Charest's lead evaporated, and poll after poll in recent days suggests that the Parti Quebecois is poised to maintain a comfortable majority in the 125-seat legislature. In the last election, in 1994, the popular vote was split almost evenly, but the separatists won 77 seats because their support is spread more evenly across the province.

Bouchard has tried to calm anxiety in English-speaking Canada about the consequences of a Parti Quebecois victory.

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Senior IDF commanders are trying hard to steer the army out of the public debate and have clearly delineated their role of giving the professional military opinion of what options can or should be taken regarding Lebanon.

"The IDF is a people's army and it doesn't choose its missions," Mofaz said.

He also rejected moves by parents and others to persuade soldiers from serving in the security zone.

"I advise all citizens to fulfill their obligation to the State of Israel," Mofaz said. "I think every citizen needs to do their part to ensure the security of Israel. I say to every mother in Israel who is worried about her son that we are doing our best to ensure the security of the state and to protect the boys.

"The stamina of the State of Israel and the IDF is very important," Mofaz continued. "I think that among IDF soldiers there is much understanding of the mission they are performing and they know it very well.

"They understand that they are defending the northern border and they think that they are needed in the very place they are deployed in order to give this security to the residents of the North."

Last week, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel "shouldn't be held hostage to the hands of Syria."

Sharon told a gathering of ambassadors in Jerusalem that Israel "must disconnect" the issue of a withdrawal from Lebanon from Syrian issues.

He said that while Lebanon is, in effect, a Syrian-occupied country, Lebanon itself should be made responsible for what happens within its borders.

The foreign minister stressed that Israel has no intention of keeping Lebanese territory under its control and added that, while he supports attempts to solve the Lebanese issue via UN Security Council Resolution 425, if this is not successful Israel should reconsider its options in southern Lebanon.

PRISONERS

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At yesterday's demonstrations, held under the banner "No peace without prisoner release," most of the anger was lobbed at the PA and, in some cases, at Erekat directly.

In Nablus, some 250 Palestinian demonstrators, including mothers of prisoners carrying photos of their sons, chanted, "Tell Erekat we are fed up with statements."

Arafat told the PA cabinet on Friday night at its weekly session in Gaza that the PA will not make any concessions on the prisoners.

The Palestinian Legislative Council, meanwhile, held a special session in Ramallah yesterday to discuss Israeli settlement activity. The PLC asked different PA departments to join the session.

Arafat left for Washington yesterday to join the conference of donor countries, which starts today and includes 45 European and Arab countries that have agreed to give aid to the PA over the next five years.

Erekat is to meet today in Jericho with cabinet secretary Dan Naveh to discuss the further implementation of the Wye Memorandum, Palestinian sources said yesterday.

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Irritation in Asia

When President Bill Clinton visited China earlier this year, he was urged not to mince words on that country's human rights record and – because of the seriousness of the issue – to disregard Asian sensitivities on guest-host relations. It is therefore interesting to see Chinese President Jiang Zemin now following Clinton's example and lashing out at his hosts in Japan over their continuing ambivalence to the sins of the Japanese empire before and during World War II.

The visit by President Jiang to Japan cannot be called a success, nor will it do anything to relieve the mistrust and suspicions that continue to lurk in this region. Despite attempts on all sides to gloss over the differences with polite noises, the visit has turned into a virtual slanging match involving China, Japan, and Taiwan. Apart from the frosty exchanges at the top, Jiang was assailed by students protesting China's human rights record, and by right-wing activists who were thinly disguised anti-Chinese racists and militarists.

Each party is right on some issue – none is right on all. The deep anger China still harbors for the totally unprovoked Japanese attack on their country and the horrendous brutalities perpetrated by its forces is perfectly understandable, even after 60 years. Japan's niggling refusal to offer the unconditional apology China demands is not understandable.

It is as inexplicable as the decades of foot-dragging by successive Japanese governments over providing apologies and compensation to the foreign women its troops abused through official forced prostitution, or to the British, Australian, and other victims of their atrocious prison camps.

President Jiang has kept reminding the Japanese of what they did, to the point of irritating them considerably. He is not unjustified – Japanese cabinet ministers regularly pop up with remarks that suggest Japan was right to invade and occupy large parts of China in 1937. Jiang referred to them when he said, "Some people in Japan, even those in high positions, have distorted history and beautified the invasion of China." While his hosts expressed "remorse," this fell far short of the written apology and admission of liability that Jiang had been expecting.

On the other hand, the abuse of might by Japan 60 years ago is scarcely less wrong than threatening to use it today, as China has done again regarding Taiwan. It seems Japan cannot apologize to China for using force against it, and China cannot stop threatening Taiwan with the same. "I stress that China cannot renounce the use of force against Taiwan," said Jiang, adding that the "separatists" and not the people would be targeted.

Since Taiwan is a democracy, the separatists are the people – as long as they do not want to want to reintegrate with an undemocratic government of Beijing. China continues to cite any "independence of Taiwan" as a casus belli – yet no United Nations members advocate or support an independent Taiwan. Neither does Taiwan, so China's threats are no more than bullying. The path to uniting Taiwan and China is not military force. The patently obvious path is for China to democratize to the point that a reunion would pose no problem for the Taiwanese. However, due credit must be given to China and Jiang for the economic and political road they are traveling – they just need to travel a little faster, without threats.

The spat in Japan may be over mere words, but it proves that words are important in international relations. If Japan could wholeheartedly say "sorry, we were totally wrong" and China could say "we totally renounce force except for self-defense," both Asia and the world would be a little more relaxed.

Primakov takes charge

At last there are hopeful signs that Russia may have a competent leader at the helm, if not officially and constitutionally, then at least in practice. With the near-invisible President Boris Yeltsin ill again, Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov appears to have decided that someone has to take charge of the chaos, and it might as well be he.

It is a development to be welcomed and encouraged, especially since Primakov is speaking his mind clearly while grasping the issues firmly. Yesterday he rapped the knuckles of "young boys from the IMF who read a lot of books, but know nothing about real life." At the same time, he said Russia would comply with International Monetary Fund conditions for the resumption of aid to the shattered economy, "not from undue obedience, but because we need it." The aid is the $22.6 billion package the IMF has frozen since the Russian financial crisis spiraled out of control in August.

Primakov's government on Friday also unveiled plans to cut taxes – a sensible idea at last, which should both make tax collection easier, and breathe some life into the half-dead economy. The VAT-cut Primakov announced will provide especially welcome relief on electricity bills and other consumer expenses. He promised to slash VAT down to 10 percent by 2000.

Tax collection has been the main problem for Russian financial officials trying to bring some order to state spending and to create a basis for a workable budget. Ridiculously high taxes in the current economic climate have encouraged cheating rather than collection, leaving the government little money to pay wages or repay its debts. Whatever the merits of the various policies being announced by Primakov, at least as important is the impression being given to Russians and the world is that someone has an inkling of what is required to save Russia and is doing something. The Catch-22 is that should Yeltsin become well enough to think he can take charge again, he might also become capricious enough to fire Primakov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ONE-GENERATION MOVEMENT

Sir, – As California is often the trendsetter for future events in America, the financial collapse of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation in the early Nineties sent shock waves through the entire federation apparatus in the United States.

A quick study revealed that the base of their support from Jews who were members of non-Orthodox affiliations had vanished. The children of their former givers had assimilated away, intermarried in droves or simply lost interest in giving to Jewish causes or Israel.

On the other hand, the Los Angeles Federation, as was common practice amongst the federation system, had vociferously fought the Jewish day school yeshiva system and distanced themselves from the Orthodox community.

Meanwhile, the Wiesenthal Center and Habad, who had nurtured good relations in the Orthodox community, blossomed as the *ba'al t'shuva* movement attracted waves of well-to-do yuppies to their ranks.

Now in a last ditch effort to save itself, the federation has thrown its lot with the American Reform and Conservative movements in hopes of retrieving its following. Sadly, these groups are also racked by rising assimilation rates of 50-60% and are heading for oblivion.

Therefore, I am puzzled that Jonathan Rosenblum, in "What? Me think?" (November 13) is worried about the recent union of the federation and the Conservative and Reform camps. Together, they are all just a one-generation movement.

CHAIM BEN ELIEZER

Los Angeles, California.

UPSET ROSENBLUM

Sir, – Jonathan Rosenblum is upset again, in "What? Me think?" (November 13).

Yet he still does not get it! If Orthodox views today are not acceptable, and even feared in certain Jewish quarters, then they, the Orthodox have only themselves to blame. In endeavoring to change the vision of Israel from a "state for Jews" to a "Jewish state," with all that this entails in the acceptance of Orthodox viewpoints and behavior, they have made themselves unacceptable in these same certain areas.

Separation of religion and state so feared by the Orthodox establishment, would lead to a much greater tolerance of Orthodox Jewish opinion. It would definitely eradicate the fears of non-Orthodox Jews of being dominated by the Orthodox, and could even possibly lead to more participation in Jewish life if it is as attractive as Rosenblum always tries to make it appear.

In other words, it is not only the Jews of Des Moines, Iowa who do not wish to hear views at variance with their own.

VICTOR BLOOM

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On November 29, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that settlers in the Hadera region found that during the night some 700 orange trees had been systematically uprooted by their Arab neighbors.

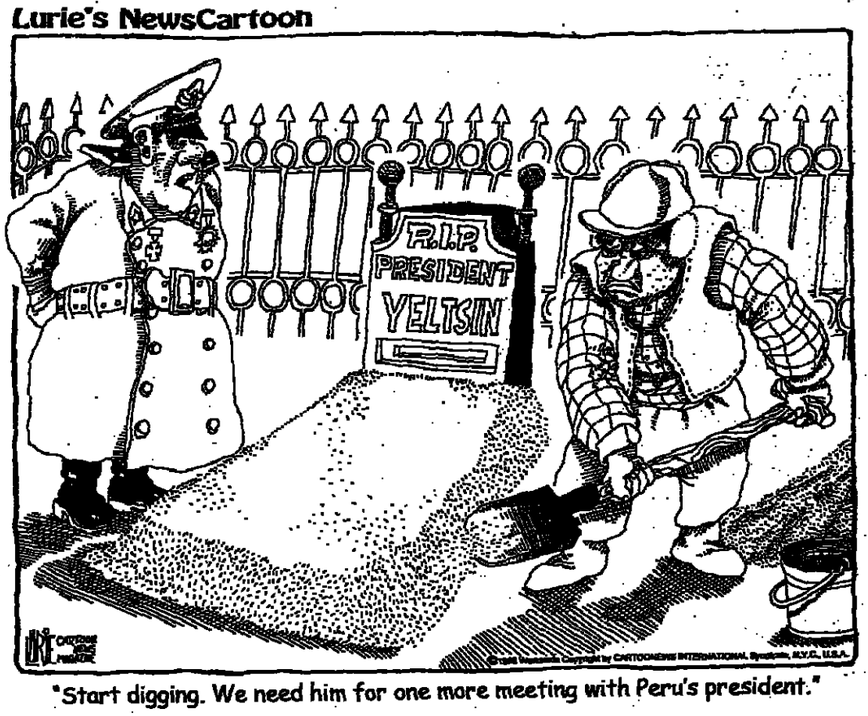
Arab leaders were charged with unlawful demonstrations in the Magistrates Court in Jerusalem.

50 years ago: On November 29, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that Israeli and Arab Legion commanders met at the former Government House in Jerusalem to discuss the truce.

25 years ago: On November 29, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Arab leaders meeting in Algiers declared that peace with Israel would be possible only after Israel quits all Arab territory, mainly in Jerusalem, and gives a homeland and full rights to the Palestinians.

Alexander Zvielli

Lurie's NewsCartoon



"Start digging. We need him for one more meeting with Peru's president."

Clinton's Iraq setback

HENRY KISSINGER

The third crisis with Iraq within a year has ended like all the others. Iraq has reinstated the inspections system, Washington has backed off from military action (this time recalling forces already under way), and both sides have claimed victory. In a sense both sides are right. We win the battles, but Saddam Hussein is winning the war.

True, after each crisis the inspectors have returned to Iraq. But, equally, each time there has been a hiatus – the last of three months – without any inspections, enabling Saddam to shuffle equipment and material from sites on which the inspectors were closing in. When inspections resume, months are consumed developing a new data base, and by the time it is completed, Saddam has come up with new harassing tactics to degrade it.

Administration spokesmen have talked as if the international support that existed at the time of the aborted raid can be recycled indefinitely. This is a dangerous illusion. The consensus that acquiesced in the aborted military action resulted from a highly evanescent constellation of circumstances: Saddam's brazen wholesale shutdown of the entire UN inspections process, the administration's unexpected electoral performance, the success of the Wye negotiations, the global financial crisis (especially Russia's), and France's temporary preoccupation with European issues rather than American Middle East policy.

When Saddam survived, the US was left with three policy options: (1) to reconcile with a hopefully chastened Saddam, (2) to keep Saddam "in his box." (3) to make it a national policy to overthrow him.

The trouble with administration policy is that it – or factions within it – are pursuing all three simultaneously. Thus in his statement Clinton, after calling off the attack, asked for no more than "if we can keep UNSCOM in there working and one more time give him a chance to become honorably reconciled by simply observing UN resolutions, we see that results can be obtained."

None of our allies in the Gulf or in the area believe in the prospect of an "honorable reconciliation" based on observing UN resolutions for a few months. All are convinced that Iraq will bend every effort to rearm as soon as sanctions are lifted and that the UN is straining to find pretexts for lifting the sanctions.

Throughout, American military measures in the Gulf have signaled an overriding reluctance to use force. In response to an alleged Iraqi plot against George Bush's life in 1993, a few cruise missiles were fired into a single building that we reassuringly announced had stood empty. In 1996, when Saddam crushed an American-sponsored resistance movement in northern Iraq, the administration responded again with cruise missiles against radar stations hundreds of miles to the south. And it has recoiled before the use of force in each of Saddam's three challenges of the last year.

THIS IRRESOLUTION handicaps even our relations with Iran, the largest country in the region. Whatever one's theory regarding Iran's likely evolution, an Iraqi government with which we can work would facilitate our options. Necessary as it is under present circumstances, we will not be able to maintain stability in the Gulf indefinitely against the two strongest states, Iraq and Iran. We cannot discourage an aggressive Iran if we cannot handle even a defeated Iraq. And we will not be able to elicit moderation in Iran if Teheran's leaders see across their border how easy and effective it is to defy the US.

A more decisive policy against Saddam is blocked by the arguments that we must take our lead from the so-called world community, that we should design our actions in relation to specific Iraqi provocations, and that, militarily, unless we can achieve everything, it is better to do nothing. All these schools of thought are represented within the administration.

The result is intellectual confusion and greater concern with placating domestic opinion than developing a coherent long-range strategy. The reluctance to use force progressively erodes our credibility. Each time we fail to fulfill our threats, we are forced to make a more formidable threat in the next round, and a larger mobilization of effort. At the end of this vicious circle, we will be left with the choice of abdication or a massive assault that, if Saddam is skillful, may then appear unprovoked.

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The argument that unless we march on Baghdad, we will be unable decisively to weaken Saddam is poor testimony to the strategic foresight, political will, and military capacity of a superpower. To argue that we are unable to destroy Iraq's capacity to threaten its neighbors and to prevent significant deployments constituting such a threat is an alibi for abdication.

Our tentativeness makes us lose on all fronts: Radical adversaries do not fear our posturing, or believe that they can manipulate it to their own ends. Potential friends lose confidence in us. The cumulative impact of the various Iraqi crises amounts to a strategic setback: Each crisis has reinforced a pattern in which Saddam, not we, controls the timing and subject matter of the confrontation.

• With each successive crisis, American policy has become more captive to a fragile UN consensus. It is symptomatic that, in his November 15 statement, the president invoked the world community 10 times and the US national interest exactly once.

• Each crisis has eroded our support among the Gulf and other Arab states. Having seen us go the brink and back down three times, they will be reluctant to believe that we are in for the long haul.

• Each aborted military action has weakened the readiness and morale of America's armed forces.

• In each crisis, nations opposed to military action (and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan) held out the end of sanctions as a carrot for Saddam to return to inspections. Saddam's argument – that the sanctions are the main issue – gains ground.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has described our policy as keeping Saddam "in his box." But that goal is unachievable as the issues are presently defined. UNSCOM (the UN Special Commission, the inspection group) is a weak instrument. After years of the world's most intrusive inspections system, the team still does not know whether Saddam has remaining weapons of mass destruction. And for the last year, the inspections system has worked only intermittently.

But should UNSCOM work perfectly and were it in a position to certify that Saddam was disarmed, sanctions would then be being lifted, and the inspections system reduced to caretaker status. We thus find ourselves in a Catch-22 situation. The better the inspections system works, the more rapidly restrictions on Iraq will be ended – and Saddam will be in a position to start rearming.

THE ADMINISTRATION has not been willing to face the fact that the issue is not UNSCOM but the continued rule of Saddam. While the president paid lip service to a policy of bringing down Saddam, he offered no plan for accomplishing this. He surely seems to have no confidence in a military solution.

He justified aborting the military strike on the grounds that "if we take military action we can significantly degrade the capability of Saddam Hussein to develop weapons of mass destruction and to deliver them, but that would also mark the end of UNSCOM. So we would delay it, but we would then have no oversight, no insight, no involvement in what is going on within Iraq."

This statement reflects three assumptions: that Saddam is likely to remain in office for the foreseeable future; that our military capacity to degrade Iraq's strategic capability is less useful than inspections; and that Saddam's regime is bound to survive American retaliation. In its military plans, the administration seems wedded to the kind of limited escalation that has been discredited wherever it was tried, most notably in Vietnam.

We should beware of the siren song that a painless (to us) covert operation can enable us to sidestep the complexities of military confrontation. I favor supporting the Iraqi resistance in principle, but, having seen such enterprises from the inside, I would put forward three cautions: Such operations must be run by professionals, not adventurers; they must take into account the interests of neighboring countries, especially Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Iran; and they require an American willingness to back the resistance movement when it gets into trouble, with American forces if necessary – or else we will repeat the debacle of the Bay of Pigs and of northern Iraq in 1975 and 1996, when most of those we supported were wiped out or exiled.

This is a tougher job than Afghanistan. All this suggests the following principles:

• The ultimate issue in the Gulf is not inspections but the government in Baghdad.

• Saddam's next provocation must be viewed not from the point of view of the particular offense but of advancing our broader strategy. Our military response should lead to destroying Saddam's command-and-control sites, suspected locations of weapons of mass destruction, and the Republican Guard (the basis of his rule). On the whole, I consider this a better option than relying largely on the internal resistance.

• If we are serious about backing the Iraqi resistance, we should set about equipping and training it and organizing its command structure, and be prepared to protect it with our own forces. We must avoid half-measures to appeal to domestic constituencies.

• As part of a serious effort to bring Saddam down, restraints should be placed on Iraq's capacity to conduct significant military operations, either within the two no-fly zones or against any of its neighbors, by restricting the movement of Iraqi units beyond a certain size.

• The Iraqi people must be given to understand that the principal obstacle to normalization is Saddam and his immediate entourage, and that the Iraqi people are our ally, not our target.

If we are not willing to muster the discipline and determination for such a course, the present policy will collapse, undermining the stability of the Gulf and the entire region.

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For a pottage of lentils

DANIEL BLOCH

David Levy was for many years the home-grown hero of Israeli politics. An authentic leader of the North African community, he started out as a simple construction worker, and then rose through local politics in his town of Beit She'an to become an MK. In the Knesset he moved from the back benches to a cabinet seat, rising to the No. 2 slot as deputy premier and minister of foreign affairs.

Throughout his climb up the political ladder, he did not forget his roots. He stayed in his development town and even in the Foreign Ministry he continued to see himself as representing the lower echelons of society.

During most of his political career he had a moderating influence on the Likud; he was the only one from his party to support the pullout from Lebanon, and except for a short extremist interlude, he was a supporter of the peace process, from Camp David onwards.

So for several years, many observers regarded Levy as the new hope of Israeli politics: a young, charismatic leader, representing a new generation, both in style and origin, with a true social agenda and a moderate outlook on issues of security and foreign affairs.

But as great as the hope was, the disappointment was even greater. He learned too quickly from the older generation of politicians, that one's chair is more important than one's ideals and values, and that self-interest comes before the constituency. The only difference between him and the older generation was his inflated ego and his tendency to get offended quickly; when that happened, he made political mistakes based on miscalculating his power.

Levy also lacked the stamina and patience needed by a politician who wants to advance in power, and to one day be No. 1. He also surrounded himself with a small group of "yes-men" who massaged his ego and used him only to advance their own personal agenda.

WHEN he left the Likud before the last elections and formed Gesher, he attracted many people from different political backgrounds who believed in his leadership and sincerity. They were quickly disappointed when he rushed unnecessarily to make a deal with Binyamin Netanyahu, agreeing not to run for prime minister.

After the elections, when Netanyahu formed his new government, Levy preferred the Foreign Ministry over the Treasury. As a result not only didn't he influence the social and economic policies of the Netanyahu government, but he was shut out of the most important political issues, mainly the peace process, which were dealt with directly by the Prime Minister's Office.

After too many "insults" from Netanyahu and his people, Levy realized he was neither influencing the peace process nor economic policy and finally left the government that was "flying to nowhere."

But Levy is not built to lead a strong opposition nor for the day-to-day hard work of running an independent party. He is not a long-term strategist. He believed that his own popularity would bring the votes. It did not happen. Although he had minor success in some of the municipal elections here and there, it was not enough. He was courted by the Labor Party and by Ronni Milo and Dan Meridor, but he was impatient. His entourage wanted immediate results.

So with little bargaining he again sold his soul and seniority for "a pottage of lentils." He is crawling back to the government he left not so long ago and to the prime minister he despises, without achieving anything important. Nothing has changed except the Wye River agreement, which he could have influenced just as easily in opposition. Netanyahu has not changed.

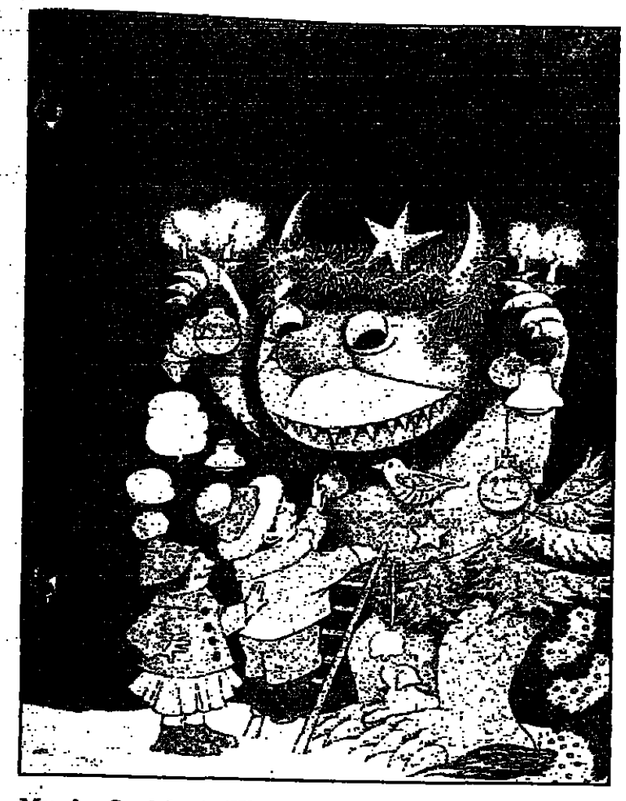
The National Infrastructure Ministry has no real independent power, especially not in the social welfare field. All he'll be able to do is make some political appointments in several government-owned companies and help some supporters who are real estate entrepreneurs through the Israel Land Administration. For that he sold his soul?

Levy got some short-term benefits but lost forever any chance to make a difference in Israeli society and the political arena. He can never again threaten resignation, or form a new party or join another political group.

Netanyahu and his political operators know that. Therefore, there is little chance that the long-term promises to Levy and Gesher will be kept. At the end of this term they might find themselves in the wilderness. The opportunity to make a difference has been lost.

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Maurice Sendak: A 'Wild Thing' Christmas, watercolor for Rolling Stone, 1976 ($250,000-$350,000 at Christie's New York)

Van Gogh in Wonderland

AT THE AUCTIONS

Last week I wrote that a late self-portrait by Vincent Van Gogh, probably his last, painted as a 70th birthday present to his mother, was expected to set a record at Christie's New York. It did – and how! The bidding started at $14 million and at $38m. there were only three bidders left. Then two anonymous absentee bidders battled the price up and up. After the $6m. buyer's premium was added by an ecstatic Christie's staff, the winner forked out $71.5m. for this 1889 oil, the highest price ever paid for a Van Gogh self-portrait and the second highest price for this artist. Only Van Gogh's painting of Dr. Gachet and Renoir's *Au Moulin de la Galette* have topped this mark, and that was back in 1990 when the art market was at its peak.

Van Gogh shaved his beard for this "sitting," doubtless hoping to leave his mother with the impression that all was well with him. Not long afterwards, depressed at a return of his seizures, he killed himself.

The oil has passed through many hands but was sold now by the Koefer family of Zurich, who have had it since 1961. It is only one of two self-portraits by the artist still in private hands. It's also a wonderful painting, moving and expressively handled with a sure touch and a richly harmonious palette. All the above were sufficient reasons to make it the third most expensive painting in auction history.

DESPITE ALL the recent financial jitters, top art is still selling very well. This said, poor works, even by the likes of Picasso, are not selling. After a shaky but satisfactory opening by Sotheby's in New York (described in our previous column), a nervous Christie's opened its New York season by selling many lots below their estimates. But the atmosphere changed dramatically on the Thursday when the group of **Rene Magritte** oils in the collection of the late Harry Torczyner broke three auction records for the surrealist painter in 15 minutes; one oil soared above $7m. Another went to a Californian museum for over $5m. Every painting in the Torczyner collection sold, for a total of better than $30m. Another collection of paintings and sculpture from a European collection was also a sellout at a stunning $97.6 m. Sales in which all the lots go are rare.

Christie's New York thus had a marvelous week with a score of $276.6m. Of this nearly $12m. came from contemporary sales, $67m. from Impressionist and 19th-century works; and some $197.4m. from 20th-century moderns.

A UNIQUE copy of the very first edition of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, recalled because of the illustrator's objections to the quality of the printing and, in this case, annotated in author **Charles Dodgson**'s own hand, is to be sold by Christie's New York on December 9. Included in this particular lot are 10 of **Sir John Tenniel**'s original pencil drawings for *Alice* ($1.5m.-$2m.). Also in this single-owner sale of first editions and presentation works is Dodgson's famous albumen print of Alice Liddell, the original Alice, dressed as a sultry beggar girl and wearing an expression knowing beyond her years, a glance that has bemused generations of scholars ($30,000-$40,000).

As soon as the 1865 edition was printed, Tenniel demanded a recall and the entire edition was reprinted, at Dodgson's expense, in 1866. Only 22 copies of the 1865 edition are known to have survived and of these only five are in private hands. Dodgson used this volume as his working copy for a simplified nursery edition published in 1889 (about the time the unhappy Van Gogh was painting his last portrait), indicating which illustrations and sections he wanted; his annotations are in his favorite purple ink.

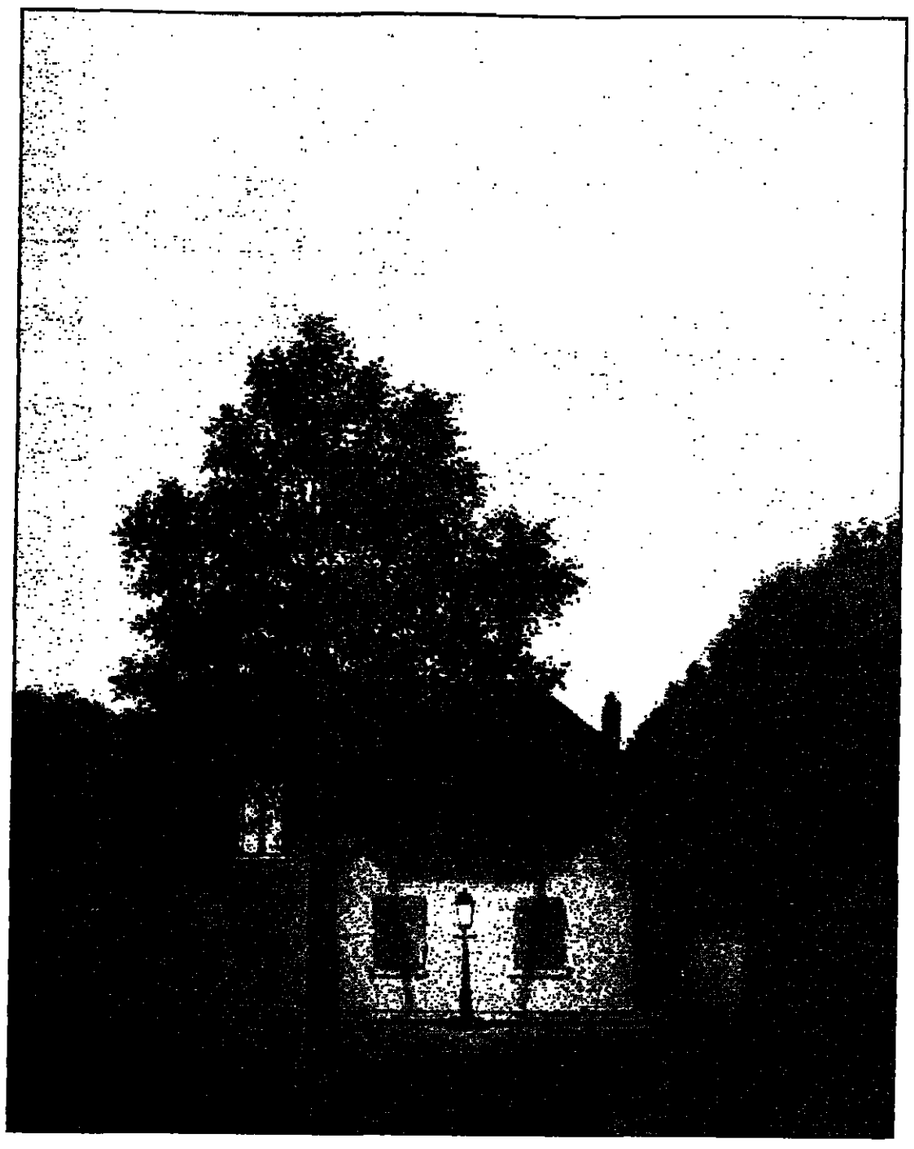
The wonderful Tenniel pencil drawings are the largest group in private hands and include the Blue Caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter (once played by Hollywood actor Edward Everett Horton, a dead-ringer) and the Dormouse being suppressed in the teapot. Most of the engravings are exact copies of the Tenniel drawings but it seems clear that Alice's particular look was given her by the engraver, who was the equivalent of today's comic-strip "inker," the artist who inks in the rough pencil drawings and texts of the strip's creator (*Doonesbury* and *Calvin* are finished by brilliant inkers who transcend the traditional engraver's role and lend the protagonists their character; in one instance, the inker of *Blondie* took over the strip together with a writer when the original creator of the Bumsteads died).

The Lewis Carroll and Alice items, all from the collection of Justin G. Schiller, are part of a huge Christie's sale of printed books and manuscripts. A notable watercolor in this sale is a "Wild Thing" Christmas made by famed Jewish illustrator **Maurice Sendak** for the cover of *Rolling Stone*, 1976. It has an astonishingly high estimate: $250,000-$350,000. Other Sendak items range between $2,000-$55,000.

SOTHEBY'S GENEVA enjoyed an excellent sale of fabulous jewelry last week, when the Bird of Paradise Collection, named for a famous brooch by Van Cleef & Arpels, sold for $9.5 m. The brooch itself went well above its estimate to sell for $354,800. Nearly all the 73 lots were sold.

Two days later, Sotheby's Geneva sold 395 of 636 lots of rare jewelry for a whopping $22.2m. Top of the evening was a fancy purple-pink diamond, 4.89 carats, that sold for $1.9m.

THE NOVEMBER 21 sale of 240 lots by Ben Ami of Tel Aviv realized nearly $1m., with top prices being paid for an early **Nahum Gutman** of two donkeys ($78,000) and **Streichman**'s 1975 oil of a seated woman, which doubled its estimate at $70,000. A **Reuven Rubin** went for an expected $63,000. A **Natalie Gontcharova** doubled its estimate at $44,000 and a **Hermann Struck** oil set an auction record at $17,000. There was much competition for the top items and no interest at all in the lesser lights. And not one of the "Old Masters" sold.



Rene Magritte: L'empire des lumières, oils, 1958 (one of the record breakers from the collection of the late Harry Torczyner at Christie's New York)



Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (1832-98): Alice Liddell as a Beggar Girl, circa 1858 ($30,000-$40,000 at Christie's New York)

Masada yields seismological info

New Worlds

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Buildings constructed on a hilltop – even if the hilltop is flat – are in significantly greater danger of collapsing during an earthquake than those standing on lower ground. This is the conclusion of research conducted by Geophysical Institute seismologists at Masada.

The institute recently concluded a study of the earthquake risk to Masada, the ancient Dead Sea-area fortress where a band of Jewish zealots made a last stand against the Romans more than 1,900 years ago.

Commissioned by the National Parks and Nature Reserves Authority, which maintains the site, the researchers installed seismometers atop Masada and along the Snake Path that leads to it to determine how resilient the fortress is to earth tremors. Previous research in quake-prone California found a direct connection between tremors and topography.

Masada is one of the few sites in Israel to undergo assessment of the effect of topography on risks for damage from earthquakes. The seismologists say their work proves that constructions on the top of cliffs and hills are liable to be more vulnerable than structures on flat land.

THERE'S A ROBOT ON THE LAWN!

Another boon for couch potatoes: Instead of getting out and expending calories on cutting your own grass, get a robot to do it. A company in Even Yehuda called Friendly Machines has produced the RoboMow, which was unveiled at the recent industry pavilion at the Jubilee Exhibition in Tel Aviv.

Ehud Peles, a former IAF man who is president of the company, was unhappy years ago when his wife asked him to cut the grass behind his home. It's such a Sisyphean task, he argued.

"It'll only grow back," he said.

"So do something," she replied.

The rest is history. He collected engineers and other experts he knew from the IAF and set up the company in 1995.

With its guidance systems, the low-profile, wheeled device avoids trees, benches and irrigation equipment and mows the lawn, leveling out the edges before it finishes. The battery is enough to cut 500 square meters at one go; 100 sq.m. takes about half an hour.

A remote-control device can be used to move it from the garage or storeroom to the grass. Before it's used the first time, a technician from the company must install an underground wire around the circumference of the lawn so the device doesn't roam onto the neighbor's grass or the sidewalk.

Built with sensitive black bumpers on all sides, it identifies objects in its way and "remembers" them so it can avoid them in the future.

The company is working on two new products: a robot that carries one's golf bag, and a vacuum cleaner that cleans carpets without human help.

SCINTILLATING SYNCHROTRON

A new agreement signed recently will be a boon to Israeli researchers: They will have access to the synchrotron accelerator in Grenoble, France.

The $10 million agreement, which will be in effect for 10 years, was signed by Prof. Ya'acov Ziv, president of the Israel Academy of Sciences, and Georg von Kleizing, chairman of the European facility.

The synchrotron in Grenoble belongs to European countries and is considered one of the biggest particle accelerators in the world. It's used for basic research, but Ziv said that in the long term, it will have major implications for Israeli industry.

Since it allows scientists to conduct molecular research on materials, it will be vital to the microelectronics, pharmaceuticals and other industries. IBM recently began to use synchrotron radiation for computer-chip research.

Ziv said at the signing ceremony that the agreement was made possible by the formation of the Telem Forum (for national infrastructure and R&D) that the academy initiated a year ago.

One of the forum's aims was to deal with the establishment of national infrastructures for interdisciplinary research. By coordinating each project, the forum prevents the waste of research resources and follows national science priorities, Ziv said.

HOLD YOUR BREATH

Garlic included in the diet of chickens can be an effective poultry-house deodorant and even lower the cholesterol level in eggs, according to scientists at Clemson University in South Carolina.

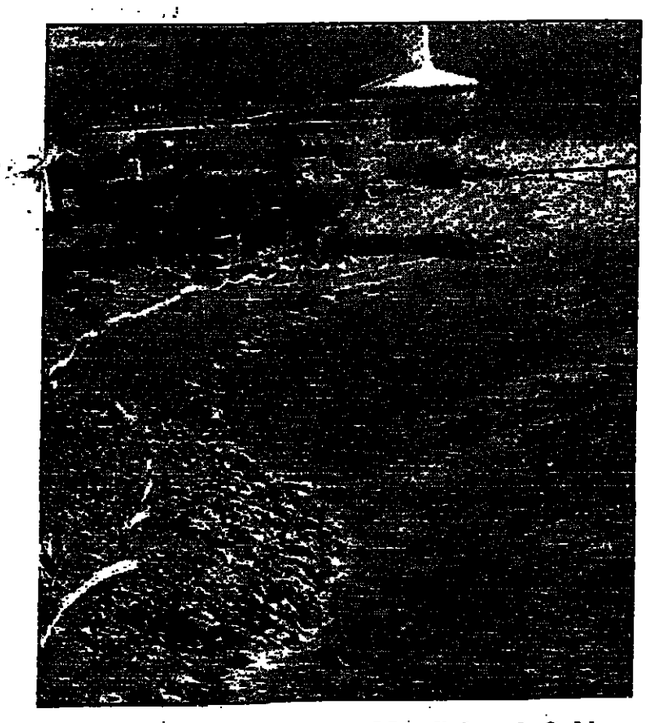
"About 3% of their diet is garlic powder to mask the odor of their excrement," said Glenn Birrenkott, a veterinary science professor. "It makes the poultry-house smell like a pizzeria instead of manure."

The chickens, which don't have much of a sense of smell, don't seem to be complaining about their neighbors' bad breath.

As urban populations expand into rural areas, the potential increases for conflict between neighborhood sensibilities and farm necessities. As a result, farmers must find creative solutions to produce the meat and eggs suburbanites want in their grocery stores but not in their backyards.

Birrenkott found that it took about three weeks for the garlic to reduce the poultry-house odor compared to the odor from a control group of laying hens. Taste tests have already shown that, surprisingly, people preferred the garlic-eating hens' eggs, which were milder and had lower sulfur and fat content.

Working together for a better Middle East



Together Jordanians, Egyptians and Israelis have drafted laws to protect the Gulf of Eilat.

Earthly Concerns

By D'vora Ben Shaul

When it comes to the subject of Jews and Arabs working together in the Middle East, it certainly would seem that the environmentalists are doing better than the politicians.

By and large, the environmentalists seem to have grasped the basic fact that just as "no man is an island," no country is an island either. Wildlife, water and air pollutants know no boundaries, and while national boundaries may be clear-cut and inviolate, natural boundaries are almost nonexistent.

As a result, while Israel and the Arabs will always have differences of opinion politically, agreements can be reached on strictly environmental issues.

The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (AIES) at Kibbutz Ketura offers students studying for a B.Sc. in environmental studies at the Tel Aviv University a semester program on the specific and shared environmental problems in the Middle East. Presently a class of more than 30 – including Israelis, Americans, Egyptians, Jordanians, Palestinians, South Africans and Canadians – is participating in the course.

One of the partners of AIES is the Israel Union For Environmental Defense (IUED), an organization which has been singularly successful in getting Jordanians, Egyptians and Israelis together to draft protective laws concerning the gulf shared by Akaba and Eilat. Although Saudi Arabia, which also borders on the gulf, is not a participant, it has not voiced any objections to the protective measures instituted.

In Jerusalem, Ecopeace provides a forum for Egyptians, Palestinians, Jordanians and Israelis to work together to promote environmental education and ecological protection.

Another organization, somewhat smaller but no less devoted and effective, is the Palestinian-Israeli Environmental Secretariat (PIES) that was established in the wake of the Oslo Accord. This group is especially active in enlisting Israelis and Palestinians to address issues of mutual concern: wildlife protection, sewage disposal, and the protection of water and air.

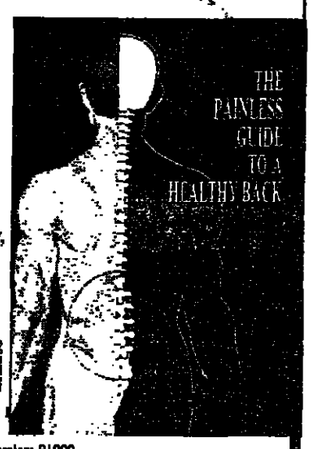
The PIES does not implement these programs but serves as a matchmaker, linking Israeli and Palestinian activists in programs of mutual interest.

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The Fonz returns as a football coach

By SUSAN KING

In Adam Sandler's new comedy, *The Waterboy*, which recently opened in the US, Henry Winkler stars as a timid coach of an inept college football team who is on the verge of a nervous breakdown. But his luck changes when he discovers that the team's sweet, naive water boy, Bobby Boucher (Sandler), is an incredible tackler. In turn, Bobby helps the coach believe in himself and his abilities as a coach.

Winkler has two of the film's biggest laughs. In a flashback to the 1970s, he is seen wearing an Afro and high heels. In another scene, he drops his trousers to reveal a tattoo of Roy Orbison on his backside.

Winkler, 53, became an overnight sensation as the ultra-cool, leather-jacketed Fonzie on the 1974-83 ABC comedy series *Happy Days*. The Fonz was more than a popular character though; he became an icon. In 1980, he presented the Fonz's leather jacket to the Smithsonian Institution to be placed in an exhibit of other treasures of American pop culture.

The Fonz is a hero as well to a new generation of viewers. The series has continued to thrive in syndication and also as a part of cable's Nick at Nite lineup.

Winkler is also an award-winning producer who received a 1979 Humanitas Prize for producing the Oscar-winning documentary *Who Are the DeBolts and Where Did They Get 19 Kids?* He also produced the long-running ABC series *MacGyver* and the syndicated series *Sightings*. He's currently the producer of the Showtime anthology series *Dead Man's Gun*. His latest production, the series *So Weird*, debuts in December on the Disney Channel.

The ever-enthusiastic Winkler recently chatted about *Waterboy* and Fonzie's everlasting appeal in his office at MGM.

Q: Is this the first time you've ever worn an Afro and high heels?

A: Oh, absolutely. And they both were difficult in their way. Wearing high heels – my hat is off to the women of the world. I can only imagine what it must be like in stilettos. The Afro itches.

So was that really you doing the half-monty scene?

Ah, well. Let me ask you a question: If you think that was truly a wonderful set of buns, they were mine. Now, it could have been that there was a contest and a young member of the electrical crew won (the chance to do the scene). That could also be true. It could have been a stunt butt, but it all really truly depends on what you thought.

Well, you would think that someone who played the Fonz would have Roy Orbison tattooed on his backside.

Without a doubt! I used to write incredibly bad poetry to Roy Orbison when I was in high school and junior high. So now I have him there forever!

Why do I get the feeling that Adam Sandler is a big fan of yours?

Yes. As a matter of fact, there is Fonzie memorabilia in the cabinets at Adam's house – eight-track cassettes and other assorted things. I was told he wanted me to come and do this thing and I said fine. My children were ecstatic.

The thing is, to know him (Sandler) is to love him. He's in charge of every element of the movies he makes, of the tours he takes, of the albums he puts out, down to the cutting of commercials.

You seemed to get a kick out of playing Coach Klein.

He is a very dysfunctional guy. But he sees that Bobby Boucher can be great and Bobby Boucher sees in him (greatness) which is a wonderful metaphor for the way we should live our lives.

We did a special on MTV where the whole premise was that the videos they showed were done by people they made fun of (in school), who were not believed in when they were younger and now are massive stars. At the end, (Adam and I) both said, "Don't judge so damn much." It's just that you don't know who you are sitting



Henry Winkler in the era of 'Happy Days.'

next to and just because they don't look like you – scratch the surface. Maybe we are at a point now at the end of the 20th century where we can start scratching each other's surface.

Did you have problems in school?

I was completely chasing an image when I was growing up. I was in the bottom 3 percent of the class academically. It was an all boy's prep school. My American history teacher said: "Winkler, if you ever do get out of here you are going to be great." I was dyslexic. It was a drag and no one knew what it was (then).

Like the Energizer Bunny, Fonzie's appeal just keeps going and going and going. Nick at Nite airs Happy Days ***and the show is also in syndication. I have a copy of Nick at Nite's*** Fonzie Make Out Party ***CD.***

It's a good one.

I know. And just recently Phoebe's doctor on Friends ***was obsessed with the Fonz. Are you amazed that 15 years after the series went off the air, he's still so big?***

Is it amazing to me? It's flattering. It's a wonderful thing, I must say.

The children of the children who used to watch are writing me in exactly the same way or stopping me on the street or stopping in an airport with that same "I can't believe you are here" expression.

I spoke to 3,000 teachers (recently) in Minneapolis. I started to laugh. I said, "I can't keep a straight face. I can't get through this speech because I'm standing here talking to you and I was your worst nightmare (in school). You were reading a story to the class and I was behind my chair acting it out.

A teacher came to me out of the 3,000 and said, "I brought a student along." He was 17. (The teacher said): "He is autistic. He will only relate to the world as the Fonz. If I relate to him as the Fonz he will talk to me and we will have a communication."

I couldn't touch him. I couldn't put my arm around him. But he sure loved just standing there with me. We took pictures. We talked. It was so moving, I can't even begin to tell you.

You act, direct and produce. What do you like doing the most?

Acting is my favorite. I love it. I love it. I want to do more. I love it.

Would you like to star in another series?

I would do another series in a minute. It's one of the great ways to earn a living. You have fun. You create a second family. You get home for dinner.

Has there ever been talk about getting the Happy Days ***gang back for a reunion movie?***

No. (Besides), you would have to bring in a tailor for that leather jacket. (Los Angeles Times)

The 20th century in music

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

As the century and the millennium draw to a close, pianist and concert presenter Tomer Lev is compiling a retrospective of the sound of the 20th century.

Lev, who for the past few seasons has presented rare musical gems in his own concert-lecture series, decided to create a retrospective involving non-musical perspectives.

The result is Last Dance and Farewell, a collaboration between Lev and the Israel Camerata Jerusalem.

"Musicians and artists all over the world are dealing with all kind of fin-de-siècle retrospectives nowadays. But there is no other such retrospective here in Israel. This retrospective will last two seasons. In this season we deal with the first half of the 20th century; next season will be devoted to the second half of our century."

Lev, who has always been fascinated by the interdisciplinary facet of classical music, decided that the best way to present the century is "not just from its musical sides, but even more so through the looking glass of major trends that happened through the last 100 years.

"I will try to understand what actually brought about the creation of such music, what were the grounds on which such beautiful and controversial musical works have been generated."

Lev isolated major 20th-century social, political and economic trends which became the focus of each of the four concerts of the series this season: New Beginnings (the disenchantment with modernism), Le Sauvage Galant (folklore and primitivism), New Temptations (pop art) and Guns and Muses (war and protest).

"I wanted to reach 20th-century music through non-musical trends and to find out what this music is all about, what this century is all about and what we all can learn about ourselves."

Each of the four concerts in the new series will open with a lecture. Lev will present the introductory lecture for the entire series; subsequent lecturers will be philosophy professor Menahem Brinker, art history professor Mordechai Omer, history professor Moshe Zukerman and musician Dr. Moshe Zorman.

The first concert in this new and engaging series "will try to explore and comprehend the trend which was predominant in the first years of the century, in which artists were stomping forward towards an unclear goal and in the process shattering all that was in front of them or in their way.

"Many composers tried to totally erase the romantic heritage of the 19th century and get away from it, which resulted not only in creating new forms but also in returning to much earlier, baroque forms."

The concert will feature Bartok's music for strings, percussion and celesta, "which starts as a classical or even pre-classical fugue and turns into what is probably the most avant-garde piece of its time."

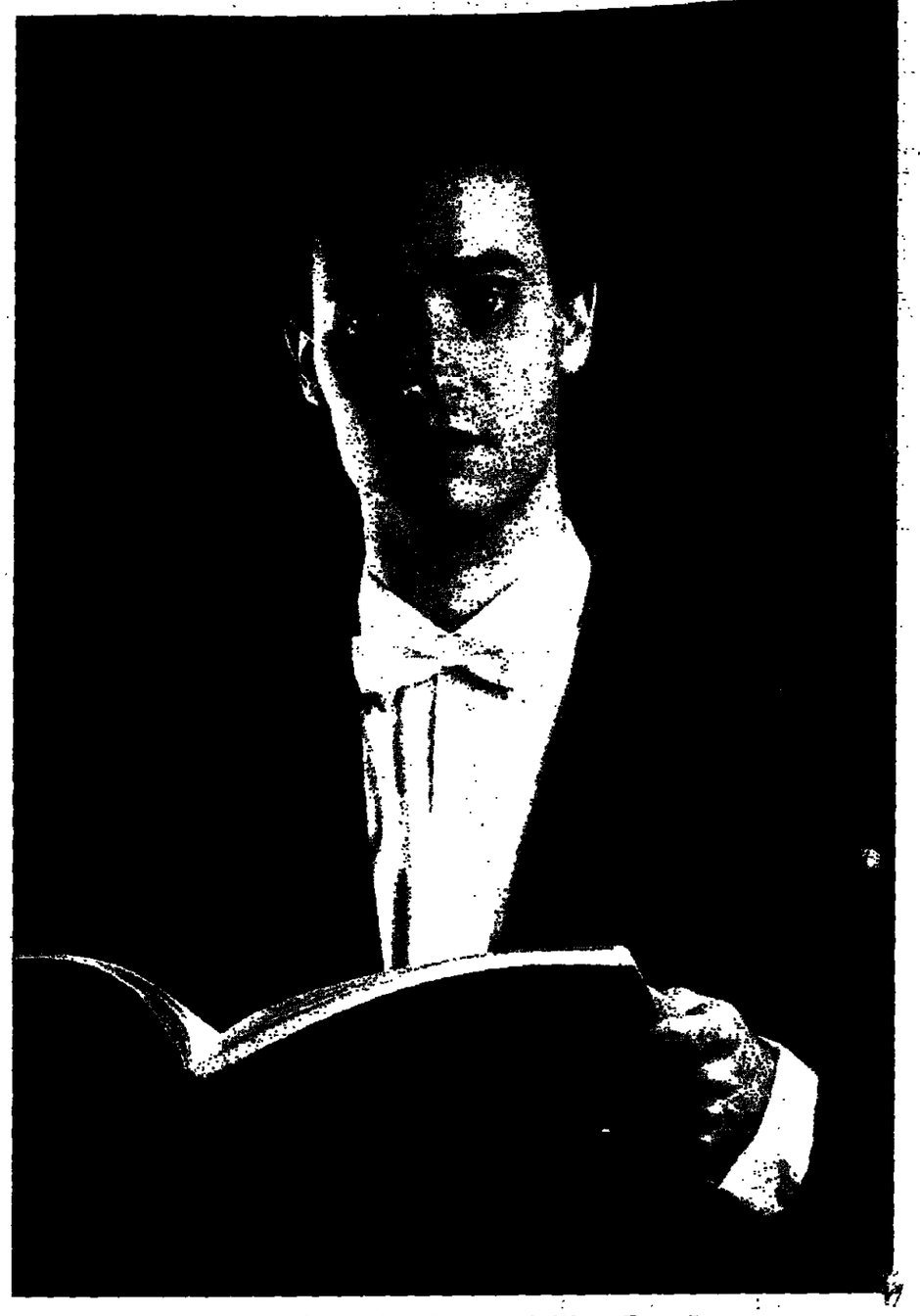
Also on the program is Stravinsky's Concerto in D for string orchestra, and pieces for one and two pianos by Debussy, Prokofiev and Satie.

Last Dance and Farewell challenges the musical trends of the century, including that of the concert hall. There should be no long orchestral concerts in which there is no connection between musicians and audience, Lev says. He thinks the concert hall of the future will have more interaction between the audience and performers.

"People want to hear more than just music in the concert hall," has been his motto for several years now. Whether his new approach to presenting music will replace or augment the more traditional symphonic concert, only time will tell. For the time being, there is no doubt that Lev has a wide range of followers throughout the country who are willing to attend whatever program he presents.

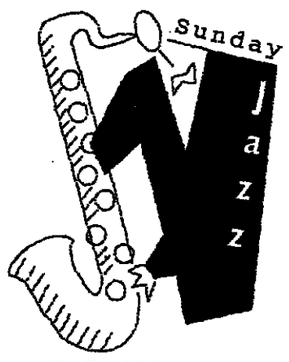
New Beginnings – The Disenchantment with Modernism, the first concert in Tomer Lev's Last Dance and Farewell concert-lecture series, features the Israel Camerata Jerusalem conducted by Avner Biron, with a percussion ensemble directed by Alon Bor and Lev himself and his mother, Naomi Lev, at the piano.

The concert takes place December 6 at the Jerusalem Theater's Rebecca Crown Auditorium; December 7 at the Wix Auditorium in Rehovot; and December 8 at the Tel Aviv Museum. All at 8:30 p.m.



'People want to hear more than just music in the concert hall,' says Tomer Lev.

The romance of polished Mahogany



By David Isaacson

Great male vocalists are a bit thin on the ground these days. Not that there were ever that many. Johnny Hartman is hardly a household name, Nat "King" Cole counts as a pianist-singer, and Sinatra's a one-off.

MY ROMANCE
Kevin Mahogany
(Hed Artzi)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JAZZ
Kirk Whalum
(Hed Artzi)

Kevin Mahogany proves himself to be an exception on this collection of love songs and standards. His high baritone-tenor with occasional falsetto forays might be the type of voice more usually associated with '70s disco pop, but it's ideally suited to jazz.

Whereas Dinah Washington's "Teach Me Tonight" veers toward hysterical high notes, Mahogany's slow delivery and laconic mien bring out the song's emotiveness. He sings James Taylor's "Don't Let Me Be Lonely..." with a long, dramatic pause before a "Toniiiight" of about seven syllables. This is music at its most romantic.

His chocolate-melting voice is all the more sexy for being effortless and understated. And the four-piece band (with Michael Brecker and Kirk Whalum alternating on tenor sax) is excellent. Although one might question the inclusion of some tracks – Van Morrison's "Wild Honey" and Lyle Lovett's "I Know You Know" – their shortcomings are compensated by the final cut.

"Lush Life" is, from the first note sung, one of the most demanding of tests for a singer. Mahogany's rendition of this Billy Strayhorn classic is in itself reason enough to give *My Romance* a whirl.

JESUS is a not insignificant figure in pop lyrics. He was just all right by the Byrds, he was on Ry Cooder's mainline and then there was the Jesus & Mary Chain.

In Kirk Whalum's case, there is none of the Byrds' blissful indifference, Cooder's delightful irony or the Jesus & Mary Chain's irreverence. Whalum is a straight-ahead Bible-thumping son of a Memphis, Tennessee, Baptist pastor.

So a track like "What The Lord Means To Me" invokes neither the sweetness nor the spirituality of George Harrison's "My Sweet Lord," but rather the somewhat more narrow tradition of Southern US churches.

"Lord I Want To Be A Christian" is even more explicitly dogmatic. And, in case you don't get the message, Whalum gives praise in various forms between songs.

The actual music is sometimes outstanding. Whalum produces a gorgeous sound whether on tenor, alto or soprano sax; guitarist Paul Jackson Jr.'s riffs make him sound like one of the better West Coast session players; and George Duke shows that, for all his blandness as a producer, he remains a top keyboardist.

At various points, each of them redeems ghastly backbeats – reminiscent of Andrew Lloyd Webber's worst confections – with crisp, clinical solos.

For all the ra-ra evangelism, this is no gospel singalong. The 13-minute "Wade in the Water" reaches heights that would rock a stadium. And a couple of the quieter numbers are genuinely meditative and sensitive.

If Whalum would only realize that music isn't the place for preaching, he could be a serious player.

Naomi Shemer's Jerusalem: No longer so golden

Sabra Sounds



By Shai Tsur

Like the landscapes about which she so frequently writes, Naomi Shemer has become an intrinsic part of life in Israel. To see a literal example of this, one need only walk down to the corner of Jerusalem's King George Street and Jaffa Road at noon to hear the clock on the nearby Bell Tower ringing out Shemer's "Jerusalem of Gold."

HATZI ME'A AVRA
Dorit Farkash
(Ben Mosh Productions)

However, just as we stop noticing the landscape in our day-to-day lives, it becomes easy to overlook the fact that Shemer is still out there and still working. This is compounded by the fact that she tends to keep a low profile, while Israeli musical culture has moved forward from the days of the military singing troupes which provided the major outlet for her work.

Subtitled, "Songs of Naomi Shemer," singer Dorit Farkash's *Hatzi Me'a Avra* ("Half a Century has Passed") presents a program's worth of songs by the national composer. The album is divided roughly in half, alternating between material from the 1960s and more recent examples of Shemer's work from the '90s, much of it written for television. As such, it serves as both a collection of well-known songs and an indication of what Shemer has done in recent years.

It also provides a pleasant listening experience. Farkash has a clear, sweet singing voice which is well-suited to the material. The arrangements, courtesy of the album's artistic director Dudu Alharar and musical director Tamir Harpaz, lean towards the jazzy, with occasional forays into the folksy, flute-based sound popular in Shemer's heyday.

In a handwritten note at the front of the CD booklet, Shemer writes that with this album Farkash "returns this lost sound, which so many of us miss."

This statement can almost be read as a leitmotif for the disc. An undercurrent of, if not sadness, then mild remorse and longing, runs through the more recent songs collected here.

The album opens up with "Jubilee," a song which Shemer wrote and performed during the recent Independence Day festivities. The song will probably come as a surprise to many, seeing how it comes from the woman who captured the country's most triumphal moment 31 years ago.

Contrasted with the anthem-like "Jerusalem of Gold," "Jubilee" is an oddly reserved statement about the country's 50th birthday. A quiet, downbeat number, the song speaks about the ups and downs of life in general, with a strong hint about the ups and downs of life in Israel specifically. In the end, "Jubilee" comes to the conclusion that what will be will be. Not what one would call a triumphant cry.

The downbeat theme can be found in many of these recent songs. Farkash sings about separations, farewells, sunsets, and of the need to light a candle in the darkness.

Songs such as "Eucalyptus Grove" are an integral part of Shemer's oeuvre, but Farkash also sings some of Shemer's most personal works such as "Portrait of My Mother," and "Sleep, Noga," the latter written for the composer's granddaughter.

Farkash also performs a new song, "Cafe Tiferet," which Shemer wrote "as a gift" especially for this album. The song is a light, samba-based number which manages to be enjoyable despite the fact that it fairly forgettable.

The aforementioned booklet is noteworthy for Shemer's brief explanations of the genesis of her songs. The booklet also contains a number of cartoons by veteran Ha'aretz illustrator Ze'ev. For Israeli culture mavens, it doesn't get much more blue-and-white than this.

Shemer is considered by many to be our reigning national composer. If so, then *Hatzi Me'a Avra* could also be considered a snapshot of the national mood. Many of the songs are quiet and solemn. Food for thought?

Movie director Alan Pakula's death could be manslaughter

By BARBARA J. DURKIN

Witnesses saw a 7-foot steel pipe fall from a large tractor-trailer just moments before it catapulted through the car windshield of Hollywood director Alan Pakula and killed him, police in Melville, New York said last week.

The police are looking for the driver of a white tractor-trailer with red lettering on the cab, or anyone who may have witnessed the accident on November 19.

"Right now we're treating this as a tragic accident," said Detective Lt. Frank Stallone of the Suffolk County Police.

But he said criminal charges could be brought if the police investigation finds any intent to do harm or negligence that caused the pipe to come loose. Possible charges include reckless endangerment, criminally negligent homicide or manslaughter, he said.

The cargo pipe that lodged in Pakula's skull was over 5 cm in diameter and is the type used to secure loads carried in large trucks, Stallone said. Witnesses reported seeing it fall from between the truck's cab and trailer.

Another car apparently hit the pipe, sending it in "a missile-like fashion" through the windshield of Pakula's 1995 Volvo, Stallone said.

The 70-year-old director, whose film credits include *Sophie's Choice* and *Klute*, lost control of the car, driving off the highway, across a service road and into a fence.

Rescue workers had to cut the pipe to remove Pakula from the car and take him, with a 20cm. piece still lodged in his head, to a hospital. He was pronounced dead about an hour after the accident.

Just moments before the accident, police had been dispatched to check a call about a pipe lying in the road near the accident site, Stallone said. But the call reporting the accident came before officers reached the scene. (Newsday)

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The 'pollutant' with surprising curative potential

Work on 'lowly' nitric oxide led to the developing of Viagra – but NO may also help fight cancer, Alzheimer's and heart disease. Prof. Ferid Murad, co-winner of this year's Nobel Prize for physiology/medicine, came to Jerusalem recently and spoke to Judy Siegel-Itzkovich



Thanks to the work of Murad (inset) and his colleagues, nitric oxide gas has been used to reduce dangerously high blood pressure in the lungs of infants. (Zeev Ackerman)

Pioneering work on the medical application of nitric oxide, a motor-vehicle pollutant formed when nitrogen burns, has earned three scientists the 1998 Nobel Prize for physiology/medicine.

Not only did their discoveries lead to the use of Viagra for treating impotence, they have now found that NO – which in minute quantities acts as the body's most important signaling molecule – is profoundly involved in blood pressure, heart function, infections, shock, lung problems, nervous-system activity and the defense of the body against tumors, as well as having the potential to treat disease.

Prof. Ferid Murad, chairman of the department of integrative biology and pharmacology at the University of Texas (Houston) Medical School, will receive the prize from the king and queen of Sweden in Stockholm early next month, along with Robert Furchgott of the State University of New York and Louis Ignarro of the University of California at Los Angeles.

All three, working independently in Texas, California and New York, have spent decades conducting basic research on NO.

Murad, who was in Jerusalem recently to lecture at the 10th International Conference on Second Messengers and Phosphoproteins, organized by Prof. Yoram Salomon of the Weizmann Institute of Science, was extremely well received by Israeli experts in the field.

Born in the US, son of an Albanian Moslem immigrant father and an American Baptist mother, Murad became an Episcopalian and married Carol, a Presbyterian teacher who is the mother of their five grown children. In an exclusive interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, he said he knew what it was like to be poor.

"My parents had a tiny restaurant in our hometown of Whiting, Indiana, and I used to wash dishes and wait on tables to cover the cost of my medical studies.

"I didn't write down what people ate: I memorized the details as a kind of game, and I think that helped me later in my scientific work."

AFTER completing his MD degree, Murad moonlighted delivering babies during the wee hours of the night to pay for his graduate education. He has worked previously at the University of Virginia, Massachusetts General Hospital, Stanford University and Northwestern University, and even served as chief executive officer of a biopharmaceutical company and vice president of Abbott Laboratories.

A wealthy man (thanks, in part, to a keen eye for biotech securities on the US stock market), Murad has decided to give away most of his share of the $978,000 Nobel Prize cash award.

"I have more money than I'll ever be able to use," he said. "I want to establish a foundation to provide a university education for my five grandchildren, and then set up another foundation to help disadvantaged children, including Palestinians. And I will also try to find places for Palestinian doctors to train."

When Dr. Fathi Arafat, president of the Palestinian Red Crescent, learned that Murad had come to Jerusalem to lecture he informed his brother, Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat, who invited Murad to Gaza for a 30-minute weekend meeting.

MURAD, whose university is the largest medical research institution in the world, noted that NO has the ability to dilate blood vessels and relax smooth muscle tissue; this led to its application in the anti-impotence pill. But he also predicted that NO will be relevant in the fight against cancer, Alzheimer's disease, heart disease and many other conditions.

Although researchers have long known various details about NO, in 1977 Murad discovered that nitroglycerin pills – used by heart patients for a century – work because they release NO. The colorless, odorless gas signals blood vessels to relax, which lowers blood pressure and relieves the pain of angina pectoris.

Ironically, Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite (a product in which the explosion-prone nitroglycerin is curbed by being absorbed in a porous soil) became ill with heart disease, and his doctor prescribed nitroglycerin. Nobel refused to take it, knowing that it caused headache and dismissing the possibility that it could eliminate chest pain.

"For years, colleagues said I was crazy to invest so much time and effort in NO," Murad recalled. "But I was certain from the beginning."

The success of his research is particularly surprising in view of the fact that NO is totally different from any other known signal molecule, and so unstable that it gets converted to nitrate and nitrite within 10 seconds.

This simple molecule was known to be produced in bacteria, but was not expected to be important in higher animals such as mammals.

MURAD was fascinated by the concept that a gas could regulate important cellular functions.

A signal transmission by a gas produced by one cell penetrates membranes and regulates the function of another cell. This represents an entirely new principle for signaling in biological systems.

Murad's work, and that of Furchgott and Ignarro – proving that a gas can act as a signal molecule in the organism – has touched off an avalanche of research activities in laboratories worldwide.

NO has been found to protect the heart, stimulate the brain and kill bacteria. When NO is produced by the inside layer of the arteries, the endothelium, it rapidly spreads through the cell membranes to the underlying muscle cells.

Their contraction is turned off by NO, resulting in a dilation of the arteries, and thereby controlling blood pressure and blood distribution. NO also prevents the formation of clots.

Great efforts are being made to develop more powerful and selective cardiac drugs based on this new knowledge of NO as a signal molecule.

NO also acts as a signal molecule in the nervous system, as a weapon against infections, as a regulator of blood pressure and as a gatekeeper of blood flow to different organs. NO is present in most living creatures and made by many types of cells.

When NO is formed in nerve cells, it spreads rapidly in all directions, activating all cells in the vicinity. This can modulate many functions, from behavior to gastrointestinal motility.

When NO is produced in white blood cells, huge quantities are produced that can kill off invading bacteria and parasites. Bacterial infections can lead to sepsis and circulatory shock; in this situation, NO plays a harmful role. White blood cells react to bacterial products by releasing enormous amounts of NO that dilate the blood vessels. The blood pressure drops and the patient may become unconscious.

In this situation, inhibitors of NO synthesis may be useful in intensive-care treatment.

INTENSIVE-care patients can be treated by inhalation of NO gas; it can even save lives. Thanks to the work of Murad and colleagues, NO gas has been used to reduce dangerously high blood pressure in the lungs of infants – but the dosage is critical since the gas can be toxic at high concentrations.

White blood cells use NO to defend the body against tumors; scientists are currently testing whether it can be used to stop cancerous growths, since the gas can induce programmed cell death, which scientists call apoptosis.

Inflammatory diseases such as asthma and colitis can be revealed by analyzing the production of NO from the lungs and intestines. NO is also a key element in man's capacity to recognize different scents. It may even be important in memory.

Murad, who works 16 to 18 hours a day, noted that since the Nobel prize announcement, he has been overwhelmed by queries and invitations to collaborate in important research projects.

"I used to get five or 10 applications a month; now I receive an average of 15 a week. I'm no more brilliant or stupid than I was before the announcement – but now everybody's listening," he said with a smile.

Take care of over-sleepy grandparents



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

I am 17, and my grandfather is 85. I was wondering why he and other old people often fall asleep while sitting – not just after eating, but even while eating. Should I wake him? Assaf, Jerusalem.

Dr. Ron Peled, a Technion sleep expert, answers:

If your grandfather falls asleep in the middle of eating and hasn't chewed and swallowed the food properly, he should be wakened so he doesn't choke on it. Old age is not a disease; if an old person sleeps while sitting during the day, it's a problem. It's possible that he suffers from sleep apnea (in which his breathing is disturbed for short periods during sleep) at night. This is even more likely if he snores. I suggest that he go to a sleep expert, preferably one with a sleep lab, to get a diagnosis and treatment.

My 33-year-old daughter suffers from recurrent bouts of sinusitis. She says she gets it only after doing something that requires bending with her head down for more than a few seconds, or if she bends down often. The sinusitis she gets is quite painful. She tries to avoid having her head lower than her body, but with young children, this is not always possible. The doctors she consulted refused to accept her explanation, claiming instead that the infection is seasonal or allergic in origin or has some other cause. Can bending the head down result in sinusitis? S.G., Tel Aviv.

Prof. Yosef Elidan, head of the ear-nose-and-throat department of Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, answers:

Bending down doesn't cause your daughter's sinusitis attacks themselves, but it does cause the pain of sinusitis. This is quite typical and characteristic of the condition. If the head is lower than the body, the mucus and pus in the sinuses cause pressure and pain. I recommend that she go to an expert and be referred for a computerized tomography (CT) scan for a reliable diagnosis and effective treatment.

My father is 52 and has always been healthy. He recently suffered a fractured rib after doing a bit of exercise, and he went for a check-up with an endocrinologist, who found he had borderline osteoporosis in his spine. He also found that his testosterone levels were lower than normal because of "too much" spinal fluid that affected his pituitary gland. But since he did not suffer any symptoms, he was told not to worry and received no treatment. Can medications given to women for osteoporosis be given to men too? Are there exercises a man his age can do to increase bone mass? A.Z., Tel Aviv.

Dr. Joseph Foldes, director of Hadassah-University Hospital's Jerusalem Osteoporosis Center, comments:

Fractures of ribs or other bones that occur without substantial trauma, especially in elderly people, are most commonly the result of thin bones. However, if generalized osteoporosis is not documented through bone densitometric and/or radiographic studies, a doctor should search for a local pathology.



An elderly person who nods off during the day may have a medical problem. (Rory Isserow)

When, as in your father's case, osteoporosis is documented in young or middle-aged men, a search for the cause of the bone thinning is needed. One cause could be medication your father is taking. However, in some cases, no cause for "secondary osteoporosis" is found, and such men are diagnosed as suffering from "primary osteoporosis."

Hypogonadism (low testosterone levels in the blood) is among the more common reasons for "secondary osteoporosis" in men. A physiological decline in testosterone levels can occur in middle-aged and elderly men (and some use the term andropause, as the equivalent to female menopause).

However, low testosterone could be the result of other conditions, among them certain pathological processes in the pituitary gland. When and how to treat low testosterone and its underlying cause remain the domain of the endocrinologist.

Does an e-mail a day keep the doctor away?

By JAMIE TALAN



Researchers warn against taking the advice of strangers in cyberspace. (Sarit Uziely)

Have you e-mailed your doctor today? While the Internet may change the doctor-patient relationship in the future, researchers say their studies suggest it is still not sound medical practice to accept the advice of strangers in cyberspace – health professionals or not.

Drs. Gunther Eysenbach and Tomas Diepgen, epidemiologists at the University Hospital in Erlangen, Germany, sent a medical query to 58 physicians or webmasters who were identified with specific medical sites on the Internet.

Half of those queried responded with specific advice, the researchers said, opening the question of whether they were practicing medicine across state lines, which is illegal in the US. Only 59 percent gave the correct diagnosis.

There are no standards for physician responses to unsolicited mail on the Internet, the authors reported in a recent special issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* devoted to the study of cybermedicine.

The issue was broken down into three categories: computerized systems in clinical care; legal and ethical issues concerned with doctoring online; and using computerized resources in clinical practice.

The American Medical Association is particularly interested in the subject because it oversees one of the most active medical sites on the Internet, with 1.5 million hits a week, while its journal's Web site gets about 130,000 hits a week.

Additionally, many doctors within the AMA have been exploring the growing technology as a way to educate consumers.

IN another study in the journal, Dr. Stephen Borowitz of the University of Virginia Health Science Center in Charlottesville, analyzed his first three years of providing e-mail consultations to his patients and others interested in pediatric issues.

Borowitz suggested the response from about 1,300 e-mails received through his site indicated that those who contact him in cyberspace are not looking to him to act as a doctor, but rather as an educator.

Because of either time issues or simple embarrassment, he said, many of the people using his Web site are seeking more complete explanations of their problem than those afforded by their personal physicians. Most, he added, do not seek a specific diagnosis.

"It is an incomplete communication," Borowitz said. "There is no face-to-face contact, and a lot of information is not given during the interaction." Borowitz says that since he began answering questions on the Web almost four years ago, he averages about two or three consultations a day. He has received queries from 39 states and 38 countries, he said.

Borowitz said his analysis found the most common questions are about constipation and bed-wetting. "Parents seemed happy to receive a response that was helpful. "I never tell parents what to do, and most parents seem to recognize the limitations of this service." (Newsday)

'Operation Urgency': The fight to preserve fertility in young cancer patients

Health Scan



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

The effects of chemotherapy and radiotherapy on the reproductive organs can be emotionally devastating to people who haven't finished with childbirth and those who haven't even started.

Soon, according to experts, one out of every 1,000 Israelis under the age of 20 will have already undergone chemotherapy for cancer, and fertility experts are busy searching for a solution for them.

A research team at Sheba Hospital's *in-vitro* fertilization (IVF) unit and Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine report in *Harefuah* on the question of preserving fertility in young people.

For men, the matter is simple in most cases: Healthy sperm can be frozen before undergoing cancer treatments and used later to produce a pregnancy. But in women, the task is complicated, and there are no guarantees of success.

Women who have healthy eggs in their ovaries and who have a partner can undergo IVF and have the resulting embryos (if they're lucky enough to have been produced) frozen for later use.

If the woman loses her uterus to cancer, a surrogacy arrangement can be reached with another woman willing to carry and bear the baby for her.

But if the woman has no partner with whom she wants a baby, a possible alternative is removing unripe eggs and freezing them. Although the technique, note the authors, has produced healthy mouse babies, such efforts with humans have produced genetic defects.

A more complicated method is to remove ovarian tissue from the cancer patient before treatment begins and to freeze it.

The technique has worked on marmoset monkeys and ewes but has not yet been proven effective or safe in humans.

However, the Sheba experts advise that, despite the lack of proven success either here or abroad in using frozen ovarian tissue to produce healthy babies later, young women with cancer should be offered this and other options. "There is a good chance that in the future, these innovative approaches can be applied to preserve ovarian function," they concluded.

FROM HERE TO THERE

A national council for medical systems' logistics has been appointed for the first time by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza. The chairman of the council is Prof. Yehoshua Shemer, associate director-general of the ministry for medical technologies and infrastructures, and the other members include representatives of the health funds, public hospitals and the IDF chief medical officer.

The role of the new council will be to deal with matters common to all hospitals and community clinics in the fields of economics, medical engineering, maintenance, transport of patients within and outside the hospital, medical warehouses, sterilization, purchasing, environmental development and safety.

Members will be asked to find ways to make the health system more efficient on the local and national level; examine new models for specific problems in management resources; encourage cooperation among institutions on a daily basis; create academic frameworks for the study of medical logistics, both theoretical and practical; promote awareness of logistics among doctors, nurses and technicians; and develop ways to train manpower for the field.

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Teva	43.3125	-0.1875
Top Image Systems	2.8125	+0
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Tower Semiconductor	10.0625	+0.9375
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	6.625	+0.25
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Centex Corp	37.875	-0.75
Central & SW	28.25	-0.125
Ceridian	65.25	+2.0625
Champion Intl	41.8125	+0.1875
Chmg Shoppes	4.25	+0
Chase Manhattan	85.4375	-0.1875
Chevron Corp	85.625	+5.25
Chiquita Brands	11.375	-0.0625
Cholestec	4.125	+0.125
Chrysler	-	-
Chubb Corp	71	-0.875
Cinco	80	+2.9375
Cincorp	52.875	+0.5
Circuit Cities	38.4375	-0.125
Citicrp	111.813	-0.5
Coastal Corp	36.625	+0.25
Coca Cola	71.6875	-1.4375
Coca Cola Ent	39.25	-0.4375
Colgate Palmolv	86.5	+0.3125
Comcast Corp A	49.5	-0.0625
Compaq	34.0625	+0.25
Compuls Ass Int	45.9375	+0.9375
Computer Sci	57.1875	+0.5625
Conagra	32	+0.0625
Cons Edison	51.625	-0.5625
Cons Freightways	36	+0
Cons Nat Gas	55.625	+0.9375
Cooper Inds	49.4375	+0.1875
Coors (Adolph)	57.25	+0
Corning Inc	49.9375	-0.0625
Cotelec	31.75	+0.4375
Crompton Knowles	19.75	+0.25
Crown Cork Seal	35	+0
Cummins Engine	37.375	-0.5
Curtiss-Wright	37.1875	+0.9375
Cypress Semicon	10.3125	-0.3125
Cypress Mineral	11.75	-0.25
Cytec Indust.	29.125	+0.0625
DQE	41.125	+0.25
Dallas Semi	39.3125	+0.1875
Dana Corp	40.0625	+0.375
Data General	18.375	-0.0625
Dayton Hudson	44.25	+1.25
De Beers	16	+0.25
Deere	36.5625	-0.75
Dell Computers	63.8125	-0.6875
Delta Air Lines	55.375	+0.125
Deluxe Corp	35.1875	-0.125
Detroit Edison	45	-0.1875
Dial Corp Del	26.3125	-0.4375
Diebold Inc	36	+0.75
Digital Equip	-	-
Dillard Dep St	34.625	+0.875
Disney (Walt)	31.875	+0.9375
Dominion Res	47.25	+0.0625
Donelley (RR)	43.75	-0.125
Dover Corp	35.5	+0
Dow Chemicals	98.5	+0
Dow Jones	49.8125	+0.1875
Dresser	-	-
DSC Comm	-	-
Duke Power	53.3125	-0.625
Dun & Bradst	30	+0.25
Du Pont	80	+0.125
E G & G Corp	27.375	+0.25
Eastern Ents	41.25	+0.375
Eastman Kodak	74.75	+0.1875
Eaton Corp	89.5	-0.125
Echlin Inc	-	-
Eggbead Com	31.825	+10.1875
Emerson Elec	65	-0.6875
Engelhard Corp	20.375	+0.0625
Enron Corp	54.1875	-0.5
Entergy Corp	30	-0.125
Enzo Biochem	13.4375	+1.125
Equifax Inc	42.5625	+0.625
Ericsson	28.75	+1.3125
Ethyl Corp	5.8125	+0
Exide Corp	18.25	+0.125
Exxon	74.375	+1.6875
FMC Corp	59.5	-0.5625
FPL Group	61.6875	-0.3125
Fedders Corp	5.375	-0.1875
Federal Express	63.8125	+0.0625
Federal-Mogul	59.125	+0.375
Fed Nat Mtge	73.1875	-0.1875
First Chicago	-	-
First Union	62.8125	-0.5625
Fruit of the Loom	15	+0.125
Fst Union Rity	5.8125	+0
Fleet Fint Grp	43.375	-0.4375
Fleetwd Enterp	34.4375	-0.375
Flexstg Cos Ok	9.375	+0.25
Florida Prog	43.125	+0.375
Fluor Corp	44.5	+0
Food Lion Inc	9.8125	-0.03125
Ford Motor	56.125	+0.3125
Fortune Brands	35.625	-0.5
Foster Wheeler	17.375	+0
Fuwilara Brands	25.5625	-0.4375
Galoob Toys	-	-
Gateway 2000	61.625	+1.1875
GATX Corp	38.9375	+0.875
GTE Corp	62.125	-1.0625
Gannett	64.5	+0.4375
Gap Inc Del	76.625	+1.3125
Gencorp	23.8125	-0.8125
Gen Am Invest	30.75	+0.5
Gen Dynamics	59.9375	-0.125
Gen Electric	92.3125	-0.875
Gen Mills	75	+0
Gen Motors	71.4375	-0.5
Gen Motors H	39.25	+0.1875
Gen Public Ut	44.9375	-0.4375
Gen Reinsurnce	238.875	-0.5625
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Hanna (MA)	14.0625	-0.125
Harcourt	52.3125	-0.25
Harley Davidson	41.25	+0.1875
Harnischfeger	9.1875	+0.5625
Harrah's Ent	16.1875	+0.4375
Harris Corp	38.8125	+0.25
Harsco Corp	32.5625	+0.5
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Williams sets NCAA rushing mark

AUSTIN (AP) – As the field opened up before him, Ricky Williams smiled. The record was his.

The Texas star became the leading rusher in Division I-A history Friday in the Longhorns' 26-24 victory over No. 6 Texas A&M.

Williams' dazzling 60-yard run in the first quarter smashed the 22-year-old record held by 1976 Heisman Trophy winner Tony Dorsett.

"It was vintage Ricky," Texas center Russell Gaskamp said. "What a great way to break the record."

Williams, the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy, finished with 259 yards on 44 carries, giving him a career total of 6,279 yards.

Dorsett rushed for 6,082 at Pittsburgh from 1973-76.

Williams' run at the record overshadowed the normal rivalry hype leading up to the game. Even Texas A&M players said they hoped Williams would break the record as long as they could win the game.

He broke the record in dramatic fashion.

After gaining 52 yards on 13 carries, he took a handoff from Major Applewhite on first-and-10 from the Texas 40, broke a tackle by linebacker Warrick Holdman and ran down the left sideline.

He got help near the goal line when receiver Wane McGarity blocked Texas A&M's Brandon Jennings out of bounds. Williams carried defensive back Jason Webster into the end zone.

The touchdown gave Texas a 10-0 lead with 1:45 left in the quarter.

"I had a smile after I broke that one tackle. I knew I had broken the record," Williams said.

It was the longest scoring play against Texas A&M this season and the 10th scoring run of 50 yards or more in Williams' career.

"He was lucky, too, because he could have just as easily been a goat.

Texas A&M crawled back into the game thanks largely to Williams' two fumbles that set up Aggies touchdowns. Williams' second fumble in Texas territory set up a touchdown that pulled the Aggies within six at 23-17 in the fourth quarter.

But Williams got the ball again on Texas' final drive, after Texas A&M had taken a 24-23 lead. He gained 7 yards and a first down before running out of bounds to set up Kris Stockton's game-winning 24-yard field goal.

Williams finished the season with a school-record 2,124 yards, the fifth-highest single-season mark in NCAA Division I-A history.



NO. 1 – Ricky Williams celebrates Texas's win and his college football career rushing mark. (Reuters)

Flutie gears for Foxboro homecoming

NEW YORK (AP) – Bill Flutie will be looking for a big victory when the Buffalo Bills play the New England Patriots today.

The 11-year-old boy will compete as one of five regional finalists in the 10- to 11-year-old division of the NFL's Punt, Pass and Kick Championship – a junior skills competition, then watch as Uncle Doug tries to lead the visiting Bills over the Patriots in an important AFC East matchup.

The game at Foxboro, Massachusetts, will be a homecoming for Doug Flutie, who grew up in Natick, Massachusetts, also young Bill's hometown. The Bills quarterback won the Heisman Trophy as the best college player at Boston College and played for the Patriots for three seasons (1987-89) before spending eight years in the Canadian Football League.

Flutie's play upon his return to the NFL this year is the major reason the Bills (7-4) are tied for first in the AFC East with Miami and the New York Jets. Flutie also is 10-0 at Foxboro Stadium, where he played five games with Boston College and five with the Patriots.

The Bills, who beat the Patriots 13-10 November 15, also count on the AFC's No. 2 rushing attack (138.5 yards), led by Antowain Smith, who has run for 788 yards and five touchdowns.

The Patriots (6-5) have struggled since winning four of their first five games, but they remained in the division title fight by beating Miami 26-23 Monday night when Drew Bledsoe passed for 423 yards.

In other NFL games Sunday, Denver plays at San Diego, New Orleans at Miami, Carolina at the New York Jets, Tennessee at Seattle, Arizona at Kansas City, Atlanta at St. Louis, Indianapolis at Baltimore, Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Tampa Bay at Chicago, Philadelphia at Green Bay and Washington at Oakland.

The New York Giants play at San Francisco Monday night.

On Thanksgiving Day, Detroit beat Pittsburgh 19-16 in overtime and Minnesota defeated Dallas 46-36.

Broncos at Chargers

John Elway and Terrell Davis, the league's top-rated passer and leading rusher, respectively, will face the NFL's top-ranked defense (255.7) as the Broncos look to go 12-0 with their 17th straight victory, including the last postseason. Quarterback Craig Whelihan has won his last two starts for the Chargers (5-6).

Saints at Dolphins

The Dolphins (7-4) are looking to rebound from their loss to the Patriots. Miami wide receiver O.J. McDuffie has 24 catches for 314 yards in the past three games. Although the Saints (5-6) lost 31-20 to the 49ers last week, Kerry Collins passed for 328 yards and ran for a touchdown in his second start for the team.

Panthers at Jets

Vinny Testaverde will be looking to go 8-1 as the starting quarterback for the Jets (7-4). Wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson has caught 53 passes for 755 yards and eight touchdowns for New York. Wide receiver Rocket Ismail has caught 53 passes for 748 yards and six touchdowns for the Panthers (2-9).

Oilers at Seahawks

Quarterback Jon Kitna will try to go 2-0 as a starter for the Seahawks (5-6) as a replacement for Warren Moon. The Oilers (6-5) have the the AFC's second-leading rusher in Eddie George (1,025 yards).

Cardinals at Chiefs

The Cardinals (6-5) might be what the Chiefs (4-7) need to stop a six-game losing streak. In their last 17 games against NFC teams, the AFC Chiefs have won 15.

Falcons at Rams

Led by quarterback Chris Chandler and running back Jamal Anderson (10 touchdowns), the Falcons (9-2) are having their best season ever, but Chandler is listed as doubtful because of ankle and knee problems. Chandler's backup is 44-year-old Steve DeBerg. The Rams (3-8) will be trying to snap a three-game losing streak to the Falcons.

Colts at Ravens

Peyton Manning has thrown a touchdown pass in eight straight games for the Colts (2-9), the most by a rookie since Joe Namath in 1965. Michael McCrary, a defensive end for the Ravens (4-7), has 33 sacks in his last 33 games.

Jaguars at Bengals

The Jaguars (8-3) need to complete a sweep of the Bengals (2-9) to increase their AFC Central lead to two games. Jaguars running back Fred Taylor has 10 rushing touchdowns and two receiving TDs in the last eight games. Corey Dillon needs 119 rushing yards to become the second Bengals player with consecutive 1,000-yard seasons.

Buccaneers at Bears

Rookie wide receiver Jacquez Green of the Bucs (4-7) leads the NFL with a 17.2-yard average on punt returns. Glyn Milburn of the Bears (3-8) is third among league punt returners with a 14.4 average.

Eagles at Packers

Brett Favre of the Packers (7-4) needs 67 passing yards to join Miami's Dan Marino (9) and Denver's John Elway (7) as the only quarterbacks in NFL history with seven straight 3,000-yard seasons. Wide receiver Irving Fryar of the Eagles (2-9) will be making his 100th consecutive start.

Redskins at Raiders

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England self-destruct on first day

PERTH (Reuters) – England's campaign to win back the Ashes was in danger of falling apart almost as soon as it began after a disasterous start to the second Test yesterday.

Needing a strong performance to keep alive their hopes of winning the series after rain saved them in the first Test last week, England self-destructed on the first day at the WACA.

The tourists showed little resistance and collapsed for a pitiful 112 all out in their first innings. They then dropped three catches as Australia raced to 150 for three at stumps.

England manager Graham Gooch said he failed to see why his players had batted so poorly.

"One hundred and twelve is not the sort of score you are looking for in a five-day match. We can't be happy with that, it's not a competitive score," Gooch said.

"You've got to play according to the conditions. The Australians bowled very accurately but it wasn't as though the ball was moving all over the place.

"Now we've got to battle to stay in the contest and it's going to be a hard slog from here."

England's total was their lowest ever in a Test at the WACA, eclipsing their 123 all out in the 1994-95 Ashes series.

Australia won that match by 329 runs.

Only four players made more than six runs for England yesterday. Mark Butcher, Graeme Hick and Alan Mullally all scored ducks. England's innings lasted just 39 overs.

Australia's pacemen reveled in the conditions after Mark Taylor won the toss and sent England in to bat on a lively WACA wicket.

Damien Fleming finished with career-best figures of five for 46, Glenn McGrath took three for 37 and Jason Gillespie, playing his first Test since breaking down during the 1997 Ashes series, claimed two for 23 in his comeback match.

Fleming, 28, took a hat-trick on his Test debut against Pakistan in 1994 but has played only seven Tests since after a series of injuries.

He scored 71 in the first Test against England last week in his first match at home in more than four years but was in doubt for this match because of the competition for bowling spots.

"I'm really thrilled to get some wickets under my belt. The runs were nice but really I'm in the team as a bowler," Fleming said.

"The WACA is ideal for a bowler like me. It swung, it seamed, there's always good carry here. I was just pumped up to get the ball in the right place."

Nine of the 10 batsmen to fall were caught behind the wicket. Most were victims of good bowling but some contributed to their own downfall through poor shot selection and sloppy footwork.

England's first three batsmen – Butcher, Michael Atherton and Nasser Hussain – all departed within the first hour with under 20 runs on the scoreboard. All three were caught by wicketkeeper Ian Healy, who finished with five catches in the innings.

England captain Alec Stewart tried to salvage the innings but lasted less than hour before he chopped a rising ball from McGrath back on to his own stumps. Even so, his contribution of 38 was easily England's best.

Mark Ramprakash also batted with some purpose, making 26 after being smashed in the chin by a McGrath bouncer.

The blow opened up a deep gash on Ramprakash's chin, which later required six stitches, but he bravely batted on until he succumbed to Fleming shortly after lunch.

John Crawley, who was called in at the expense of off-spinner Robert Croft, made only four while Hick, who replaced the injured Graham Thorpe, got a second ball duck.

Hick also dropped a straightforward slip catch from Taylor when the Australian captain was on 38. Taylor went on to make 61 before he was caught by Stewart after a lovely inswinger from Dominic Cork.

Michael Slater and Justin Langer also lost their wickets.

Slaterwas caught by Butcher at third slip for 34 off the bowling of Darren Gough. Langer went for 15 when he was caught by Crawley.



REFLEXES – Windies bowler Curtly Ambrose (r) tries to catch the ball hit by South Africa's Allan Donald. (Reuters)

Scoreboard

Yesterday at stumps on the first day of the second cricket Test between Australia and England at the WACA: Australia won the toss

England, 1st Innings

Mark Butcher c Healy b Fleming	0
Mike Atherton c Healy b McGrath	1
Nasser Hussain c Healy b McGrath	6
Alec Stewart b McGrath	38
Mark Ramprakash c Taylor b Fleming	26
John Crawley c Mark Waugh b Gillespie	4
Graeme Hick c Healy b Gillespie	0
Dominic Cork c Taylor b Fleming	2
Alex Tudor not out	18
Darren Gough c Waugh b Fleming	11
Alan Mullally c Healy b Fleming	0
Extras (2lb, 2w, 2nb)	6
TOTAL	112 all out

Fall of wickets: 2, 4, 19, 82, 74, 74, 81, 90, 108, 112.

Bowling: Glenn McGrath 18-4-37-3 (1w), Damien Fleming 14-3-46-5 (1nb), Jason Gillespie 7-0-23-2 (1nb), Colin Miller 2-0-4-0 (1w).

Batting time: 180 minutes. Overs: 39

Australia, 1st Innings

Mark Taylor c Stewart b Cork	61
Michael Slater c Butcher b Gough	34
Justin Langer c Crawley b Ramprakash	15
M Waugh not out 19 JGillespie not out	5
Extras (1b, 7b, 8nb)	16
TOTAL	150 for three

Fall of wickets: 81, 115, 138.

To bat: Steve Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Ian Healy, Damien Fleming, Colin Miller, Glenn McGrath.

Bowling: Darren Gough 10-1-31-1 (2nb), Dominic Cork 17-3-43-1 (3nb) Alex Tudor 10-2-39-0 (3nb), Alan Mullally 10-3-17-0, M Ramprakash 2-0-12-1

Batting time: 213 minutes. Overs: 49

Ambrose restricts S. Africa before storm

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) – Curtly Ambrose captured two for 18 in eight overs to restrict South Africa to a seven-run first innings lead over West Indies before a storm stopped the intriguingly-poised first Test on Saturday.

When play was called off just after tea on the third day, West Indies were 20 without loss in their second innings – 13 ahead – with Clayton Lambert seven not out and Philo Wallace unbeaten on 12.

Only 20 minutes of play was possible between lunch and tea as the thunderstorm drenched the ground, leaving big pools of water on the outfield.

South Africa, 217 for six overnight, had been dismissed for 268 shortly before lunch in reply to West Indies' first innings of 261.

The South Africans lost their first wicket of the morning after just four overs when wicketkeeper Mark Boucher attempted to sweep leg-spinner Rawl Lewis and skied a top edge to Brian Lara, who ran from the slips to take the catch.

Three overs later, South Africa's hopes of a significant first innings lead disappeared when Hansie Cronje chopped an Ambrose delivery onto his stumps for 41, having adding only two to his overnight score.

Scoreboard

Saturday on the third day of the cricket Test between South Africa and the West Indies at Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg. Rain cut the day's play short after lunch.

West Indies First Innings 261

South Africa First Innings

Gary Kirsten b McLean	62
Adam Bacher c Jacobs b Walsh	1
Jacques Kallis c Williams b Walsh	53
Darryl Cullinan c Jacobs b Walsh	8
Hansie Cronje b Ambrose	41
Jonty Rhodes lbw b McLean	17
Shaun Pollock b Walsh	11
Mark Boucher c Lara b Lewis	12
Pat Symcox run out	25
Allan Donald c Jacobs b Ambrose	7
David Terbrugge not out	3
Extras 28 (nb-21, b-1, lb-5, w-1)	
TOTAL	268

Overs 93.5

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-102, 3-111, 4-154, 5-185, 6-209, 7-229, 8-230, 9-243, 10-268

West Indies: Bowling: Curtly Ambrose 28-5-63-2, Courtney Walsh 25-5-66-4, Nixon McLean 17-1-68-2, Rawl Lewis 23.5-4-67-1

West Indies Second Innings

Clayton Lambert not out	7
Philo Wallace not out	12
Extras 1 (nb-1) Overs 6.2	
TOTAL (for no wickets)	20

Fall of wickets: South Africa: Bowling: Allan Donald 3.2-1-11-0, Shaun Pollock 3-0-9-0

All-Spanish ATP final set

Corretja upsets Sampras, Moya defeats Henman

HANOVER (AP) – Alex Corretja saved three match points and overcame an error-filled performance by top-ranked Pete Sampras yesterday to set up a historic all-Spanish final at the ATP Tour World Championship against Carlos Moya.

Corretja, No. 6 in the world, rallied to upset Sampras 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

Sampras, who is assured of holding to No. 1 for a record sixth consecutive year, had 50 unforced errors in the match that lasted two hours and eight minutes. Corretja had only 19.

Moya beat Tim Henman 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 earlier yesterday.

Sampras hit a sizzling backhand to break Corretja's serve for a 3-2 lead. The American fired two aces in the next game to ward off two break points and cruised through the remainder of the set.

But Sampras started making more and more uncharacteristic unforced errors and Corretja took advantage to break serve for a 3-1 lead in the second. Two consecutive forehand errors by Sampras gave the set to Corretja.

Corretja began the third set by breaking Sampras' serve, only to see Sampras take some risky shots to return the favor in the next game.

The Spaniard saved three match points to send the match into the decisive tiebreaker.

All three were long rallies and all three went Corretja's way, one on his winner, two on errors by Sampras. Sampras dived for a volley on the last one, but it went wide.

In the tiebreaker, Corretja rolled to a 6-1 lead, wasted two match points, but Sampras then sent a backhand return straight into the net.

Sampras, the two-time defending champion in the $3.5 million tournament, did not drop a set in three round-robin matches. He was seeking his fifth title in the event.

Sampras accomplished his main goal of the year – holding the No. 1 for the sixth consecutive year – when Marcelo Rios dropped out Thursday because of a back injury. That ruined Rios' hopes of challenging Sampras for the No. 1. spot

Moya, the French Open champion, turned the match in the middle of the third set, when he broke Henman's serve to tie the score at 3-3.

"I played one of my best matches on indoor surfaces," Moya said, adding that this was probably one his best three matches all year.

Two Spaniards have never played in a final before in this tournament. The last Spanish finalist was Manuel Orantes, who also won what was then called the Masters in 1976 in Houston.

"I said when I came here that I wanted to win this tournament," Moya said. "Nobody believed me. Now it's just one step away from me. I hope you realize when I talk, I'm not joking at all."

Although not known for his prowess on indoor courts, Moya reached the semifinals of the championship last year in his first appearance in the tournament and now has advanced to his first final.

Ranked No. 4 in the world, Moya broke Henman's service in the seventh game and that allowed him to take the first set.

Henman, who will move up two spots to a career-high ranking of No. 7 in final season rankings that come out Monday, broke Moya's serve for the first time for a 2-0 lead in the second set.

The first Briton to reach the semifinals of the event, Henman survived a scare in the seventh game, when he saved four break points. He held serve to win the set and tie the score.

Henman broke Moya's serve again at the start of the decisive set. But Moya pulled back in the sixth game and fought off three more break points in his next two service games.

With Henman serving to stay in the match, Moya whipped a backhand passing shot to gain a match point. He hit a tremendous return winner past Henman to clinch the match after two hours and 20 minutes.

"He definitely raised his game in those games that he broke me at 3-2 and at the end," Henman said. "He came up with some great shots."

Moya advanced to his fourth final of the year, the first not on clay. He also won the Monte Carlo tournament.

"I played amazingly today, I had to take many risks. I had to hit as hard as I can to pass him," Moya said.

British soccer: results, standings

Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	14	8	5	1	22	12	29
West Ham	15	7	5	3	20	16	26
Man United	13	7	4	2	27	14	25
Chelsea	13	6	6	1	22	13	24
Arsenal	14	6	6	2	14	6	24
Leeds	14	5	8	1	20	11	23
Middlesbrough	14	5	7	2	23	16	22
Derby	15	5	6	4	15	14	21
Wimbledon	15	5	5	5	19	25	20
Liverpool	14	5	4	5	24	19	19
Newcastle	15	5	4	6	19	19	19
Tottenham	15	5	4	6	19	23	19
Leicester	15	4	6	5	16	18	18
Everton	15	4	6	5	10	15	18
Charlton	15	3	7	5	22	23	16
Sheff Wed	15	4	4	7	14	15	16
Coventry	15	4	3	8	13	21	15
Notts Forest	15	2	5	8	12	24	11
Southampton	15	2	4	9	12	31	10
Blackburn	14	2	3	9	14	22	9

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Scottish Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	15	9	3	3	29	13	30
Kilmarnock	16	7	7	2	21	10	28
Celtic	16	7	5	4	32	17	26
St. Johnstone	15	6	5	4	18	21	23
Hearts	15	5	4	6	16	19	19
Dundee	15	5	4	6	14	20	19
Motherwell	16	4	6	6	13	22	18
Dundee United	16	4	5	7	16	18	17
Aberdeen	16	3	5	8	15	24	14
Dunfermline	16	2	8	6	13	23	14

Aberdeen 0, Dundee United 3; Celtic 2, Motherwell 0; Dunfermline 0, Kilmarnock 3.

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	20	12	7	1	48	15	43
Ipswich	20	11	5	4	29	11	38
Watford	21	10	6	5	37	31	36
Birmingham	21	10	5	6	30	22	35
Bolton	20	9	7	4	39	29	34
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Bristol City	21	3	7	11	30	49	16
Crewe	20	2	5	13	21	44	11

Birmingham 4, Bristol City 2; Bolton 4, Bury 0; Bradford 0, Queens Park Rangers 3; Crewe 0, Ipswich 3; Crystal Palace 2, Watford 2; Grimsby 1, Swindon 0; Port Vale 2, Tranmere 2; Sheffield United 0, Sunderland 4; Stockport 2, Portsmouth 0.

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	20	14	1	5	30	15	43
Walsall	20	12	3	5	30	24	39
Fulham	18	12	3	3	28	14	39
Preston	19	9	7	3	34	19	34
Gillingham	20	8	9	3	29	18	33
Chesterfield	18	9	4	5	20	12	31
Luton	18	8	5	5	24	19	29
Manchester City	20	7	8	5	24	19	29
Reading	19	8	5	6	23	25	29
Millwall	20	7	7	6	19	21	28
Bournemouth	18	7	6	5	29	20	27
Blackpool	19	7	5	7	24	24	26
Wigan	19	7	4	8	24	20	25
Wrexham	20	6	6	8	20	27	24
Colchester	19	6	6	7	19	23	24
Bristol Rovers	20	5	8	7	24	25	23
Burnley	20	6	5	9	22	30	23
York	19	5	6	8	23	33	21
Notts County	19	5	6	8	21	25	21
Macclesfield	20	4	7	9	17	26	19
Northampton	20	3	9	8	18	23	18
Oldham	20	4	5	11	19	32	17
Wycombe	20	3	6	11	16	26	15
Lincoln City	19	3	3	13	19	36	12

Bristol Rovers 2, Oldham 2; Burnley 1, Blackpool 0; Chesterfield 2, Macclesfield 0; Colchester 0, Millwall 0; Gillingham 1, Fulham 0; Luton 1, Manchester City 1; Preston 2, Wigan 2; Reading 2, Lincoln City 1; Walsall 1, Bournemouth 0; Wrexham 1, Notts County 0; Wycombe 0, Stoke 1; York 1, Northampton 1.

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Halifax	20	10	6	4	30	18	36
Leyton Orient	20	9	7	4	25	21	34
Cardiff	19	10	4	5	22	16	34
Rotherham	20	9	6	5	37	24	33
Scunthorpe	20	10	3	7	35	33	33
Brentford	18	11	0	7	34	26	33
Camb United	19	10	3	6	32	24	33
Mansfield	19	9	4	6	30	23	31
Peterborough	19	9	3	7	34	25	30
Darlington	18	8	4	6	27	22	28
Brighton	20	9	1	10	24	28	28
Plymouth	19	8	3	8	23	19	27
Swansea	19	7	6	6	23	20	27
Hartlepool	20	7	4	9	29	31	25
Exeter	19	7	4	8	20	22	25
Southend	20	6	6	8	22	27	24
Rochdale	19	6	6	7	18	21	24
Shrewsbury	20	6	6	8	16	23	24
Chester	19	4	9	6	23	28	21
Barnet	20	6	3	11	21	35	21
Carlisle	17	5	5	7	16	18	20
Scarborough	20	5	3	12	21	31	18
Torquay	20	3	9	8	20	29	18
Hull	20	4	3	13	18	36	15

Barnet 3, Torquay 1; Brentford 2, Chester 1; Cardiff 2, Southend 0; Darlington 3, Scarborough 0; Hartlepool 1, Swansea 2; Hull 1, Carlisle 0; Peterborough 2, Scunthorpe 1; Plymouth 2, Leyton Orient 4; Rochdale vs. Cambridge United (ppd, wet field); Rotherham 0, Exeter 0; Shrewsbury 1, Brighton 3.

Bayern, Leverkusen pull clear

BONN (Reuters) – Home wins for Bayern Munich and Bayer Leverkusen yesterday allowed them to pull away from their rivals at the top of the German first division.

Leaders Bayern cruised to a 2-0 triumph over Nuremberg with goals from Giovane Elber and Bixente Lizarazu.

Paulo Rink and Emerson gave Leverkusen a 2-0 victory against MSV Duisburg.

Leverkusen stayed second, two points behind Bayern, who have a game in hand.

Third-placed TSV 1860 Munich lost ground, crashing 4-1 at Werder Bremen. They were left five points behind Leverkusen.

Bayern Munich 2, Nuremberg 0

Giovane Elber put Bayern ahead in the 36th minute after a mistake in the Nuremberg defence. French international Bixente Lizarazu made Bayern's victory certain with a close-range finish in the 63rd minute. The win was Bayern's 11th this season, from 14 games played.

Bundesliga standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	14	11	1	2	34	11	34
Bayer Leverkusen	15	9	5	1	36	15	32
1860 Munich	15	8	3	4	27	21	27
Kaiserslautern	14	8	3	3	21	22	27
Borussia Dort	15	7	4	4	24	15	25
VfL Wolfsberg	15	6	6	3	30	20	24
Hertha Berlin	15	7	2	6	20	17	23
Hamburg SV	15	5	6	42	0	16	21
Freiburg	15	4	6	5	19	21	18
VfB Stuttgart	15	4	5	6	18	19	17
VfL Bochum	15	5	2	8	19	27	17
Werder Bremen	15	4	4	7	22	22	16
Ein Frankfurt	15	4	4	7	19	25	16
MSV Duisburg	15	3	6	6	15	24	15
Schalke	14	3	5	6	14	22	14
1. FC Nürnberg	15	2	8	5	18	28	14
Hansa Rostock	15	2	5	8	20	31	11
B M-gladbach	14	2	3	9	19	39	9

Results of German first division matchdays yesterday: VfL Wolfsburg 4 VfL Bochum 1; Bayer Leverkusen 2, MSV Duisburg 0; Werder Bremen 4, TSV 1860 Munich 1; Hamburg SV 3, Borussia Moenchengladbach 0; SC Freiburg 2, VfB Stuttgart 0; Bayern Munich 2, Nuremberg 0. Friday's games: Borussia Dortmund 3, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Hansa Rostock 1, Hertha Berlin 2. Today: Kaiserslautern v Schalke 04.

Flyers halt Maple Leafs' win streak

PHILADELPHIA (AP) – Eric Lindros and Keith Jones each had a goal and two assists and John LeClair scored the game-winner during a wild second period as Philadelphia snapped Toronto's three-game winning streak, 4-3 Friday.

Rod Brind'Amour also scored for the Flyers and LeClair added a pair of assists for Philadelphia, which has won five of its last six games.

Bruins 5, Canadiens 1

Host Boston scored five goals in the final period, two by Sergei Samsonov in a span of about six minutes to beat struggling Montreal.

Ray Bourque, Don Sweeney and Jason Allison also had third-period goals for the Bruins, who jammed their scoring into the opening 12:19 of the final period en route to their fourth consecutive win.

Saku Koivu had a second-period goal for Montreal, losers of six of its last seven games.

Byron Dafoe, coming off his fourth shutout of the season in a 1-0 win at Florida on Wednesday night, had 24 saves for Boston.

Sharks 4, Blues 2

Jeff Norton scored a power-play goal with 8:56 remaining as San Jose won its first road game.

The Sharks, 1-5-3 on the road this year, appeared ready to go down once again after Chris Pronger's goal at 4:47 of the third period gave the Blues a 2-1 lead. But Steve Guolla tied the game 17 seconds later, and Norton scored his first goal on a slap shot from the left circle while Pronger was in the box for interference.

Panthers 2, Lightning 1

Scott Mellanby scored two goals as Florida snapped a five-game winless streak with a road victory, sending the Lightning to their seventh straight loss.

Mellanby scored a goal in each of the second and third periods to give the Panthers a 2-0 lead before Tampa Bay came back with a goal by Stephane Richer.

The victory was the Panthers' first in seven games at Tampa Bay (1-3-3).

Penguins 2, Rangers 2

Newly-acquired Alexei Kovalev assisted on two goals, including Robert Lang's score with 15 seconds left in the third period, to give host Pittsburgh a tie.

The teams were matched two days after their five-player trade. Kovalev and Harry York debuted with the Penguins, while Petr Nedved, Chris Tamer and Sean Pronger all played for the Rangers. Nedved had an assist for New York, his second in two games.

Red Wings 7, Canucks 1

Igor Larionov and Brendan Shanahan both had a goal and two assists in a seven-goal third period, leading Detroit to a home win.

Goaltender Norm Maracle won his third straight start in place of injured regular Chris Osgood as the Red Wings won their fourth straight overall, including two wins over the Canucks.

Detroit won 4-2 at Vancouver last Saturday.

Predators 3, Mighty Ducks 1

Patric Kjellberg scored twice and Mike Dunham earned his career-high ninth win as Nashville won at home.

Kjellberg, whose only previous NHL experience before this season was seven games with Montreal in 1992-93, got Nashville off to a rare hot start with his fourth goal in the opening period and added an insurance goal in the third. Kjellberg's first goal of the night marked the first time in eight games that the Predators had scored the first goal.

Dunham made 26 stops to improve his record to 9-8-1.

Stars 4, Capitals 0

Mike Modano had two goals and an assist and Derian Hatcher scored twice to lead Dallas to a home win.

Ed Belfour stopped 15 shots to register his first shutout of the season and 41st of his career.

Jamie Langenbrunner and Richard Matvichuk had two assists each for the Stars, 9-2-1 at home and 5-1-1 in their last seven games. Washington is 1-3-0 in its last four games.

Oilers 3, Flames 2

Andrei Kovalenko's tiebreaking goal 4:10 into the third period led the Edmonton Oilers over Calgary, handing the Flames their fifth con-

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	12	7	1	25	51	47
Philadelphia	10	7	4	24	56	46
Pittsburgh	9	6	5	23	59	52
N.Y. Islanders	10	12	0	20	58	61
N.Y. Rangers	5	9	7	17	51	58

Northeast Division

Toronto	12	9	2	26	71	66
Boston	10	7	5	25	60	43
Ottawa	10	6	3	23	59	47
Buffalo	9	4	4	22	49	31
Montreal	7	11	2	16	46	60

Southeast Division

Carolina	9	10	3	21	56	55
Florida	7	8	5	19	44	53
Washington	7	10	3	17	47	58
Tampa Bay	6	13	2	14	45	77

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	12	8	0	24	69	49
St. Louis	8	6	5	21	53	45
Nashville	9	11	1	19	52	63
Chicago	5	13	3	13	41	75

Northwest Division

Edmonton	12	8	1	25	66	52
Vancouver	9	12	1	19	64	65
Colorado	8	10	2	18	51	59
Calgary	7	13	2	16	58	66

Pacific Division

Phoenix	13	2	2	28	49	26
Dallas	12	4	3	27	53	39
Anaheim	8	9	4	20	49	50
Los Angeles	6	12	3	15	49	59
San Jose	5	10	5	15	48	52

Thursday's Games: Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 1; Phoenix 3, New Jersey 2

Maradona cries 'conspiracy' for 1991 ban

TURIN (AP) – After meeting with Diego Maradona, a Turin prosecutor spoke yesterday with the soccer legend's manager, who claimed "a plot" was behind the 1991 drug ban that ended the Argentine's Italian League career.

The manager, Guillermo Coppola, has indicated he will seek damages for an allegedly botched drug test that led to Maradona's 15-month suspension while he was playing for Serie A club Napoli.

The test was done at the Acqua Acetosa laboratory, Italy's scandal-ridden drug-testing facility that was shut down last month.

"There was, without a doubt, a plot against Diego," Coppola said, "and the facts we have today demonstrate that.

There was a plot by the big sports authorities, not just in Italy but also internationally."

Prosecutor Raffaele Guariniello, who is investigating the use of performance-enhancing substances in Italian soccer, also reportedly questioned Maradona and Coppola about how the player was treated for injuries when he was with Napoli.

Maradona met with Guariniello for two hours Friday night, shortly after setting foot in Italy for the first time since leaving when the suspension for cocaine use was imposed in March 1991.

"I have always told the truth, yelling my innocence in the doping incident," Maradona wrote in a letter published yesterday on the front page of the Naples newspaper *Il Mattino*. "Finally, after many years of bitterness, I have been given the chance to speak officially about the matter. ... I have many questions and I would like some answers."

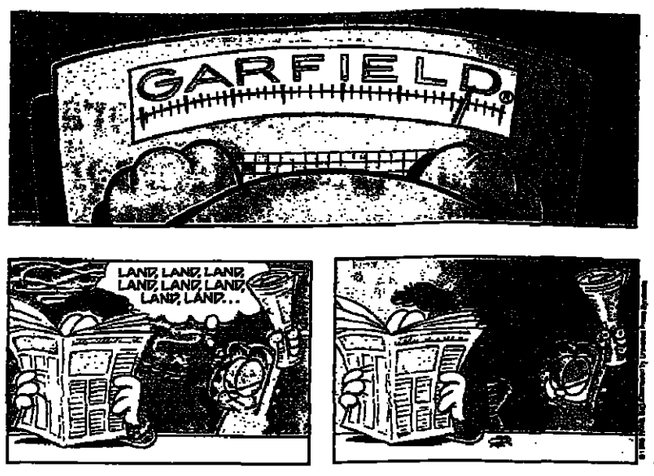
A confessed cocaine addict, the 38-year-old has long maintained his innocence, saying he often took his own private tests before matches to be sure he would not fail the league's tests. He charged the suspension was revenge for Argentina's victory over Italy in the 1990 World Cup semifinals.

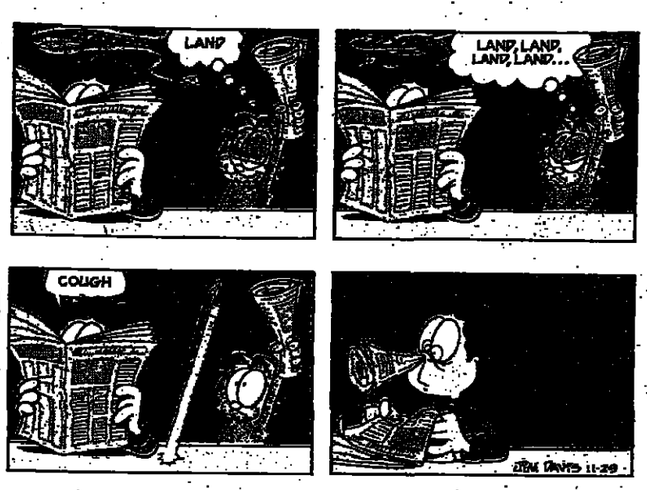
He was hit with another doping suspension at the 1994 World Cup, testing positive for what world soccer's governing body, FIFA, called a "cocktail" of stimulants.

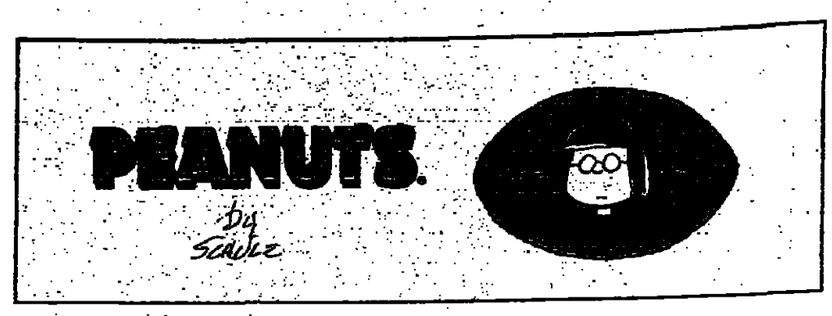
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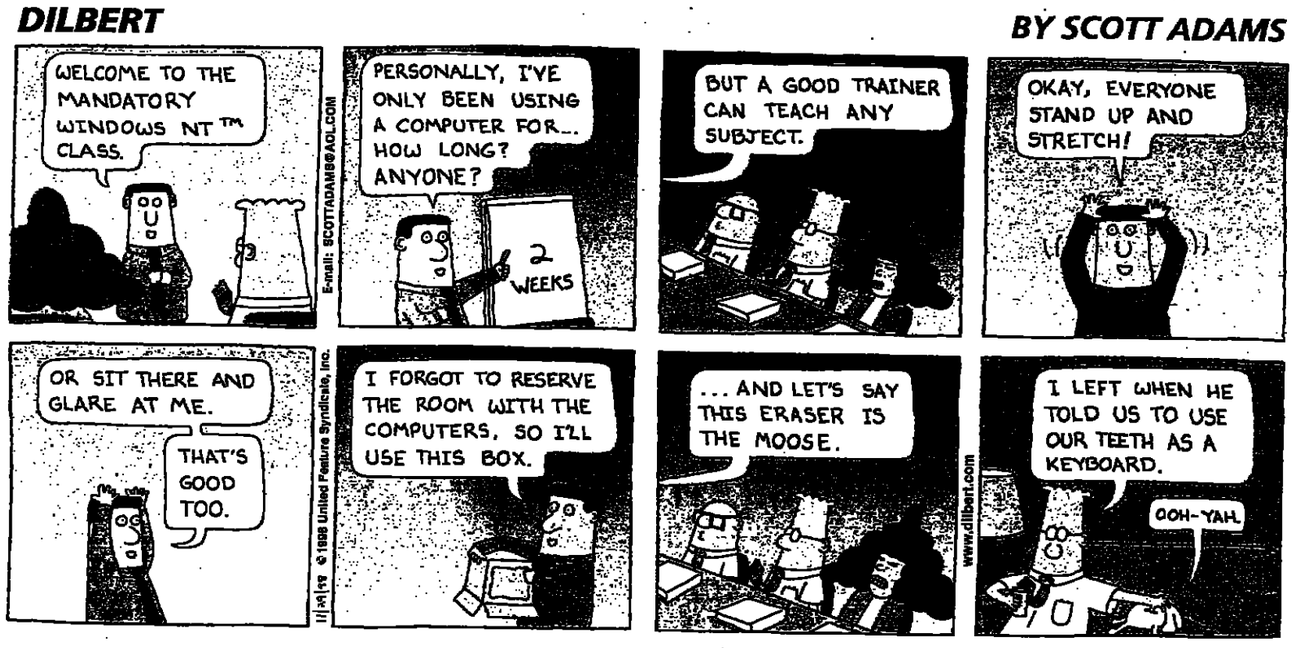






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BY G. B. TRUDEAU



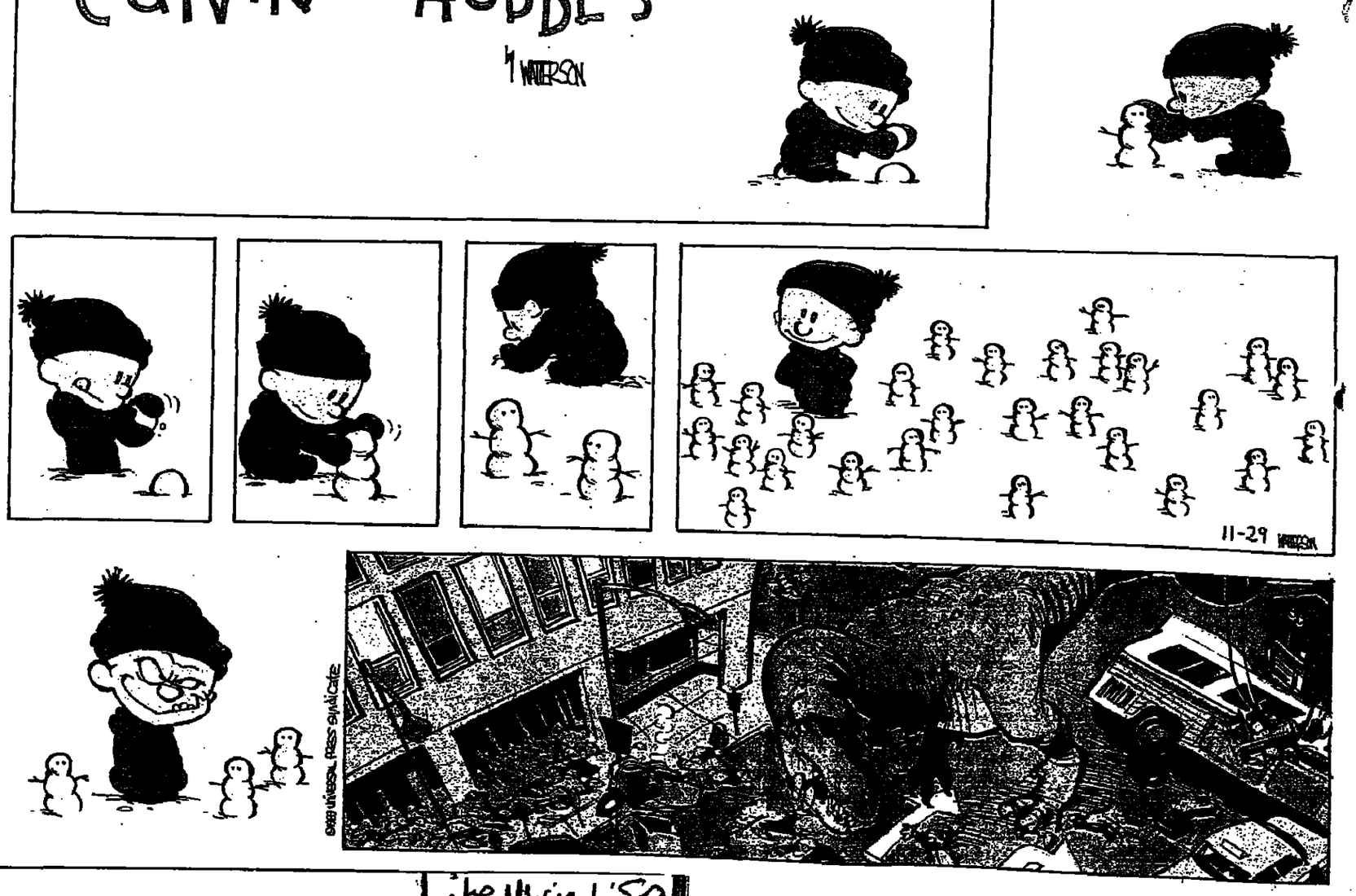
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Calvin and Hobbes

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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT



Russian pianist Dmitry Bashkirov plays in Tel Aviv.

Cellist Peter Wispelwey makes his long-awaited Israeli debut playing the Dvorak Cello Concerto with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Enrique Batiz, who also leads the orchestra in Schumann's First Symphony and the Vivaldi Bassoon Concerto with HSO principal bassoonist Noga Yeshurun as soloist. Tonight, tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday at the Haifa Auditorium at 8:30 p.m.

Renowned Russian pianist Dmitry Bashkirov makes a rare local appearance tonight at 8:30 at the Tel Aviv Museum playing music by Mozart, Schubert, Liszt, Schumann, Scriabin and Rachmaninoff in a special benefit recital for the International Piano Masterclasses held each summer in Upper Galilee.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ **SLIDING DOORS** – As hip London publicist Helen (Gwyneth Paltrow) runs to catch the tube in an early scene of Peter Howitt's movie, her story suddenly splits down the middle, and we find ourselves watching two romantic comedies for the price of one. In an other-worldly instant, Helen fragments into two distinct characters: one just misses her train and the other jumps on as the door slams shut. One Helen goes home to discover her boyfriend (John Lynch) in bed with another woman (Jean Tripplehorne) and the other takes a cab home, just missing the discovery of his betrayal. The film, like the conceit that informs it, is both charming and dangerously slight. Howitt often manages to infuse the action with a breathless sense of fantastical possibility, though the proceedings occasionally threaten to devolve into a mechanical exercise. With the very appealing John Hannah as Helen No. 2's new flame, a talkative Scot. (Parental guidance suggested.)

POP

HELEN KAYE

Tenor William Weisel and soprano Laya Silber join forces for a return of the revue *From Gershwin to Second Avenue* celebrating the centennial of the great George Gershwin, together with songs from the American Yiddish Theater. Tap your feet to favorites like "Fascinating Rhythm" and kvell to "The Man I Love." Tonight at ZOA House at 8:30. (English)

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Haydn: String Quartet in C op 76/3 "Kaiser"; Haydn: Symphony no 88 in B flat
7:07 Verdi: String Quartet in E minor; Mozart: Piano Concerto no 15 K450
8:05 Copland: Appalachian Spring; Britten: Simple Symphony
9:05 Handel: Harp Concerto in B flat; Handel: Cantata; Beethoven: Piano Sonata no 18 op 31/3; Schubert: String Quintet in C; Dvorak: Violin Concerto op 53; Shostakovich: Ballet Suite no 2; Bartok: Romanian Dances
12:00 Light Classical – Villa-Lobos, Rodrigo, Piazzolla and Copland
13:00 Artist of the Week – Modern Ensembles. Schubert/Tzander: Die Winterreise – part 1 arranged for voice and instrumental ensemble
14:06 Encore – part 1: works by Gershwin
15:00 Encore – part 2: works by Mendelssohn
16:00 Music for Sunday – Ward: Hymn; Delius: Requiem; Donizetti: Requiem
18:00 New CDs – Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini for Piano and Orchestra; Verdi: Selected Songs; Vardi: 3 Arias from Rigoletto; Donizetti: Aria from L'elisir d'amore; Addinsell: Warsaw Concerto for Piano and Orchestra; Donizetti: Selected excerpts from Lucia di Lammermoor
20:05 Barber: Souvenirs for Piano 4-hands op 28; Bax: Quintet for Oboe and Strings; Britten: Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings op 31; Bruckner: Symphony no 3 in D minor; Berg: Violin Concerto; Bryars: The Black River
23:00 Sounds to End the Day – Bach, Zelenka, Haydn and Schubert

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive with David Starck (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch with Michal Cohen (until 12:00)
10:00 Stayin' Alive with Leora Adam / Drs. Scott & Heidi
12:00 Party Time with Joan Summerfield
13:00 Memory Lane with Rebecca E.
14:00 M & M's Pick 'n' Mix
16:00 Afternoon Drive with Mike Reins (until 19:00)
17:45 Sports Update
19:00 Evening Jazz with Deb Arnold
21:00 Soul Talk – rabbinical personalities discuss relevant topics
22:00 West Rock with Uncle Harvey (with "Dead Air")
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 Newsdesk
6:30 Global Business
7:00 Newsday
7:30 Jazzmatazz
8:00 Newsday
8:30 In Praise of God
9:00 News
9:15 Letter From America
9:30 A Jolly Good Show
10:00 News
10:10 Pause for Thought
10:15 Poems by Post
10:30 The Greenfield Collection.
11:00 News
11:05 Write On
11:15 F.O.O.C.
11:45 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 Global Business
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 Anything Goes
14:00 News
14:05 Write On
14:15 In Praise of God
14:45 Sports Roundup
15:00 Newshour
16:00 News Summary
16:01 Movie Call
17:00 News
17:05 Sports Roundup
17:15 Concert Hall
18:00 News
18:15 The Way We Are
18:30 Transplantations
18:45 Britain Today
19:00 News
19:01 The Idea of the City
19:30 Chill Out
20:00 Newsdesk
20:30 Play of the Week: Hard Times, part 3
21:36 Anything Goes
22:00 Newshour
23:00 News
23:05 Write On
23:15 Britain Today
23:30 Music Review
00:00 Newsdesk

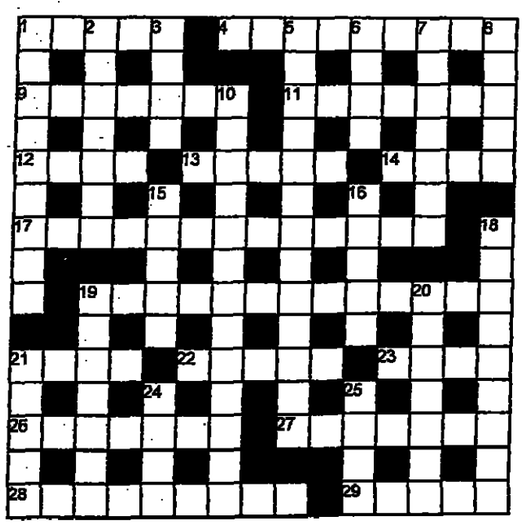
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Magazine for kids (5)
4 Daisy, for example, writes tunes about it? (9)
9 Attendants with extra helpings (7)
11 Support Mark going round America! (7)
12 Fishes with touches of colour, perhaps (4)
13 Pew in mountain-top church (5)
14 The King and I at Women's Institute gets the bird (4)
17 Junior topples painfully, flying by this means (3,10)
19 Swindling in brief trading (5-8)
21 Bump into huntsmen (4)
22 Mad offer to artist (5)
23 Early carriage propelled by a generator? (4)
26 ...better half takes car from stations (7)
27 Lays out huge meals (7)
28 Caution with what is at end of barrel? (9)
29 Goddesses of a thousand functions (5)

DOWN

1 Assisted crime in warder's post? (6,3)
2 Forerunner of trombone still under fire (7)
3 Sea eagle found in another nest (4)
5 Scramble for seats when air is cut off! (7,6)
6 Kiln for drying oats, unusually (4)
7 Mendelssohn's fourth vermouth? (7)
8 Boredom, a bit of a rotten nuisance (5)
10 Fitfully sleeping, hates rustling (5,8)
15 Knave in cold castle (5)
16 It's the devil to find around Exmouth (5)
18 Double Dutch men? (9)
19 One taking coat off at work (7)
20 Fashionable ways to make advances (7)
21 Proper to return to second theme? (5)
24 Snaffles small coins (4)
25 Overeat cold farm-butter (4)



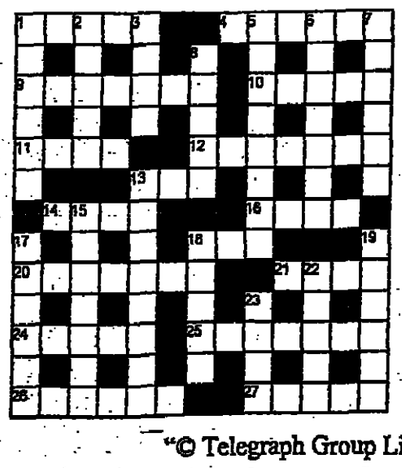
SOLUTIONS



Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Soar, 4 Points, 7 Ode, 9 Asti, 10 Negligee, 11 Spa, 12 Grit, 13 Literary, 16 Approximately, 19 Brunette, 23 Argo, 24 Arc, 25 Customer, 26 Hack, 27 Lie, 28 Theory, 29 Ally. DOWN: 2 Obstreperous, 3 Roister, 4 Penal, 5 Ingot, 6 Trier, 8 Neurological, 14 Idiot, 15 Era, 17 Owe, 18 Trashes, 20 Notch, 21 Tempo, 22 Early.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Condescend (5)
4 Decision-makers in court (6)
9 Had ambition (7)
10 Newspapers (5)
11 Tardy (4)
12 Rubbish (7)
13 Regret (8)
14 Manage (4)
16 Second-hand (4)
18 Consume (3)
20 Small beginning (7)
21 Tangle (4)
24 Problem (5)
25 Fissure (7)
26 Highest points (6)
27 Inuit canoe (5)

DOWN

1 Fatal (6)
2 Computing supply (5)
3 Police informer (sl) (4)
5 Punch (8)
6 Function (7)
7 Female relation (6)
8 Proverb (5)
13 Source of help (8)
15 Supervise (7)
17 Ideal state (6)
18 Proclamation (5)
19 Long thin line (6)
22 Raucous (5)
23 Smell foully (4)

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■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

ARABIC PROGRAMS
6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The Wonderful World of Big Molecules
8:30 Destinos
9:00 American Cinema
10:00 For the very young
11:00 English
13:00 French
13:30 Hanni's Room
15:00 Sesame Street
15:25 Hanni's Room

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 X Men
15:50 Eli and Lily
16:00 Astronauts
16:30 Garden Party
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Service Not Included
18:05 Dudu's Adventures
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Amal and Kamal's Studio
19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 It's Only Sport
20:00 News
20:10 With Meni
21:00 News
21:30 End of the Orange Season: Streetwise
22:30 The History of Tom Jones – last part
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Place

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Iron Man
6:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
6:43 Cafe Tel-Ad
9:00 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
10:15 Divine Magic
11:10 Maybe This Time
11:35 Lilach
12:35 Harry & the Hendersons
13:00 Sport TV
13:30 Ghost Writer
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Back to the Future – animated series based on the hit movie
15:30 Fievel's American Tails – animation series
16:00 The Bold and Beautiful
16:50 Street Corner
17:00 Five with Gadi Sukenik
17:30 Sister Sister
18:00 Dr. Quinn – Medicine Woman
19:00 Ticket for 2
19:25 Lingo
20:00 News
20:30 Shining
21:30 Hartzufim
22:30 Starting the Week with Amnon Levy
23:35 Homicide
00:00 News
00:05 Homicide – contd.
00:40 King of the Hill
1:05 In the Army Now – a couple of hippies join the US reserves. With Pauly Shore and Lori Petty
2:40 Song for the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Pink Panther
15:30 Black Foal
16:00 Discovering the World of Animals
16:30 VideoKids
17:00 US Billboard
18:00 Big Secret
19:00 French Journal
19:15 Varied
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Candid Camera and Pranks
20:00 Africa
20:30 Renegade
21:15 Agriculture and Ecology
21:30 Behind the Scenes
22:00 News in English
22:30 Miniseries
23:15 Dougie Howser

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27) (unconfirmed)

7:30 Religion
12:30 John Austin
13:00 Touch
14:00 700 Club
14:30 World Christian News
15:00 Blake and Mortimer
15:30 Donkey Kong District
16:00 Buddy and Buddy
16:30 The White Fang
17:00 McGee and I
17:30 The Odyssey
17:45 Live English League Soccer – Liverpool vs Blackburn
20:00 Motor Racing
21:15 Live Italian League Soccer
23:45 American Football

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 The Brave Children
16:30 Short and Sweet
17:00 Weekly Column
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 For Women Only
20:30 Teleklasse!
21:00 News
21:30 Crossfire
22:30 Thief Takers
23:30 Supernatural – Mystical

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Mathematics
16:00 Reading Direction
16:30 Stories from Life
17:00 Color Garden
17:20 Arabic Stones
17:30 Massarat
18:00 Crossroad Cafe
18:30 Dealing with Dogs
19:00 Wonderful World of Big Molecules
19:30 Vis-a-vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Media File
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 The Bride Wore Black (French, 1968) – Francois Truffaut's Hitchcock-style suspense drama about a woman who wreaks vengeance on five men who killed her husband on her wedding day. With Jeanne Moreau and Claude Rich
22:45 Designs (rpt)
23:15 Women of the World

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry (rpt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Newsradio –
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 The Nanny
20:50 Lethal Money
21:35 Cafe Paris
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:15 Ricki Lake (rpt)
23:45 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
00:15 Larry Sanders Show
00:45 Silk Stallings
1:35 Due South

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Terror in the Shadows (1995) – a criminally insane woman escapes from the asylum and stalks a man whose wife and children she has already killed
13:05 Born to Kill (1947) – a Robert Wise *film noir* thriller. A murderer aggressively pursues a young woman. With Lawrence Tierney, Claire Trevor and Walter Slezak
14:45 Saint–Ex (1995) – biography of the French adventurer-pilot-writer Saint Exupery who wrote *the Little Prince*. With Miranda Richardson
16:10 The Soul of the Game (1995) – drama set in the baseball world of 1945. With Delroy Lindo, Mykelti Williamson and Blair Underwood
17:50 The Staircase (1997) – a nun who is supervising the construction of a new church discovers that the architect neglected to plan stairs leading up to the choir. With Barbara Hershey, William L. Petersen and Diane Ladd
19:25 Mr. Baseball (1992) – a washed-up major-league player is sold to a Japanese team where his attitude gets him into trouble. With Tom Selleck and Ken Takakura
21:10 Sentinel – action series
22:00 Soft Deceit (1994) – an undercover policewoman tracking stolen Mafia money falls in love with the prime suspect. With Patrick Bergin and Kate Vernon
23:35 The Killing Jar (1996) – a man begins to go insane after he witnesses a gruesome murder. Is he the murderer or is someone framing him?
1:15 The Brothers McMullen (1994) – low-budget light drama about three Irish Catholic brothers who promised their mother not to repeat her romantic mistakes. Written, directed by and starring Edward Burns
2:50 Profile for Murder (1996, 90 mins.) – a police psychologist falls in love with a millionaire accused of serial murders

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:00 Whimsey's House
8:35 The Lulu Show
9:05 Les Miserables
9:35 The Smurfs
10:10 Ninja Turtles
10:35 Following Enchanted Tales
11:05 Peter Pan and the Pirates
11:35 Bobby's World
12:05 Park Journey
12:30 Magic Schoolbus
12:55 Musty
13:05 Care Bear Family
13:35 Simba, the Lion King

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30	It's Only Sport	Lingo	Melrose Place	Mr Baseball	Family Matters	Voltaire
20:00	News With Meni	News			Married with Children	
20:30		Shining	The Nanny		Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
21:00	News		Lethal Money	Sentinel	Full House	Killing for a Living
21:30	End of the Orange Season: Streetwise	Hartzufim	Cafe Paris		Party of Five	
22:00		Starting the Week with Amnon Levy	Yair Lapid Live at 10	Soft Deceit	Land and Freedom	Orphans in Paradise
22:30	The History of Tom Jones		Seinfeld			Animal Informs
23:00						

14:05 The World's Most Beautiful Tales
14:20 *Little Star*
14:35 The Happy Nese
15:05 The Smurfs
15:35 Ninja Turtles
16:05 Superman
16:40 Peter Pan and the Pirates
17:05 Ace Ventura, Pet Detective
17:30 Shesh-Tus
18:05 The One
18:35 Nightmen
19:00 Moesha
19:31 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:45 Full House
21:10 Party of Five

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Land and Freedom (1995) – passionate portrait of a young British working-class communist who joins the anti-fascists in the Spanish Civil War. Directed by Ken Loach. With Ian Hart
23:45 Men Are Not Gods (1936, 79 mins.) – a theater critic plans to pan a young actor's performance as Othello. The actor's wife persuades the critic's secretary to rewrite the piece, and this leads to unexpected romance. With Rex Harrison and Miriam Hopkins. Directed by Walter Reisch

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University: Jefferson, View from the Mountain
7:00 Open University: Sociological Imagination
7:30 Open University: Sales Connection
8:00 World Discoveries (rpt)
8:30 Great Crimes and Trials (rpt)
9:00 Beyond 2000
9:25 Wildshots: Hidden Worlds (rpt)
9:45 Rossini: L'Italiana in Algeri
12:25 Earthviews: the Ancient Mariner
13:20 Voltaire (rpt)
14:25 Killing for a Living
15:15 Howard Stern (rpt)
16:00 Human Language Series
17:00 Open University: Silicon Valley Story
17:40 Open University: Creation of the Universe
18:30 Open University: Relationship Marketing
19:00 Animal Informs – animal communication
19:50 Voltaire, part 4
21:00 Killing for a Living, part 6 – survival in the wild
21:50 Orphans in Paradise, part 3 – elephant population control in Kruger Park
22:45 Animal Informs (see 19:00)
23:35 Open University: Principles of Accounting
00:05 Open University: Threshold of the Stars
00:50 Open University: the Rise and Fall of the USSR

■ STAR WORLD (13/15)

6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Mind Your Language
7:00 Xena
8:00 Hercules
9:00 LA Heat
10:00 Walker, Texas Ranger
11:00 Tropical Heat
12:00 WWF Superstars
13:00 Sky Action Video
13:30 Travel Asia
14:00 Asia News Sunday
14:30 Clips
15:00 Millennium
16:00 The X-Files
17:00 Cops
17:30 Code 3
18:00 The Simpsons
18:30 Clips
19:00 Millennium
20:00 The X-Files
21:00 Tropical Heat
22:00 Baywatch Nights
23:00 Cops
23:30 Code 3
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 World News
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Candid Camera
2:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
2:30 The Brittas Empire

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 This Week
7:30 India Business Report
8:30 Future Fantastic: Brainstorm (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 This Week (rpt)
11:05 American Visions: The Gilded Age (rpt)
12:30 The Net (rpt)
13:30 Wild World: The Living Planet, part 20
14:05 Carrie on Hollywood: Chasing the Hollywood Dream (rpt)
15:10 Dateline London
16:30 Top Gear (rpt)
17:05 Apartheid Did Not Die
18:30 India Business Report
19:30 The Net (rpt)
20:05 American Visions
21:30 Simpson's World (rpt)
22:05 Carrie on Hollywood
23:30 Earth Report: Banking the Seed (rpt)
00:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
01:30 Reporters
2:30 Top Gear (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:30 Evans, Novak, Hunt and Shields
7:30 Global View
8:00 World Business This Week
9:30 World Sport
10:30 World Beat
11:30 The Artclub (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 Earth Matters
14:30 Science and Technology
15:00 World Report
16:30 Inside Europe
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Showbusiness This Weekend
19:00 Late Edition
20:30 Business Unusual
21:30 Newsstand CNN & Time
22:30 Pinnacle Europe
23:30 Best of Insight
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Style
2:00 The World Today
2:30 World Beat

■ SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:30 Global Village
7:30 Showbiz Weekly
8:00 Sunrise
10:30 Sports Week
11:30 Business Week
12:00 Sunday with Adam Boulton
13:30 The Book Show
15:30 Fashion TV
16:30 Showbiz Weekly
17:30 Week in Review
18:30 Sunday with Adam Boulton
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportsline
22:30 The Book Show
23:30 Showbiz Weekly
00:00 Prime Time
1:30 Week in Review
2:30 CBS Weekend News

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 Equestrianism
18:00 English League Soccer
19:30 Sports News
20:15 Live Spanish League Soccer: Celta Vigo vs Athletico Madrid
22:30 International Journal
23:30 World Volleyball Championships

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Rally
10:00 Live Cross-Country Skiing
11:00 Alpine Skiing
12:00 Live Cross-Country Skiing
13:30 Bobsleigh
14:00 Live Ski Jumping
14:45 Live Nordic Combined Skiing
15:30 Live Ski Jumping
16:15 Cross-Country Skiing
17:00 Live Karting
19:00 Bobsleigh
20:00 Live Alpine Skiing
21:15 Ski Jumping
22:00 Tennis
00:00 Supercross
1:30 Boxing

MOVIES

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TEL AVIV
DIZENGOFF Sliding Doors 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • On Connait La Chanson 11 a.m., 3:15 • The Washington Square 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Spanish Prisoner 1, 5:30, 7:45 **GAT** ☎6967888 Life Is Beautiful 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **GLOBUS** ☎6081130/1 The Best Man 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski–The Truman Show–The Gingerbread Man 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • A Perfect Murder–The Gingerbread Man 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 6, 9:30 • Out of Sight 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 **G.G. HOD** 1–4 ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Day After Day 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show–The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 • A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 **LEV** ☎5288288 I Went Down 11:15 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10 • A Price Above Rubies 2, 7:30 • Hana-Bi 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 5, 7:45, 9:45 • The Dream Life of Angels 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 11:30 a.m., 5, 9:45 **LEV AVIV** ☎6417148 The Dream Life of Angels–I Went Down 5, 7:30, 10 • Hana-Bi 5, 7:30, 10 • A Polish Bride 7:30 • Sweet Hereafter 10 • A Price Above Rubies 5, 7:30 • Nights of Cabiria 5, 10 **LIMOR** ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 5 • As Good As It Gets 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 7 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 Palestine Circus 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show–The Best Man 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Twilight 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Snake Eyes–Halloween: H20 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused–6 Days 7 Nights 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The X-Files 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 **RAV-OR** 1-5 ☎ 5102674 Opera House There's Something About Mary 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Henry Fool 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Hope Floats 5, 7:30 • Tango–Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 9:45 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** The Apple 5, 8, 10
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Belle, O's essentially agree on contract

NEW YORK (AP) – Albert Belle and the Orioles essentially reached agreement Friday night on a contract that will bring the free agent outfielder to Baltimore.

While there was no announcement by the Orioles, a source speaking on the condition he not be identified said Baltimore and Belle were "very, extremely close" to an agreement and he expected the deal to be announced in the next few days.

The source said that the money part of the contract had been agreed to but the rest of the deal had not been finalized. The source said the contract "was in the neighborhood" of the $65 million, five-year offer the Orioles had made earlier this week.

Belle, 32, may be the most powerful right-handed hitter in baseball, but also has been suspended six times and fined twice for a variety of incidents and outbursts.

He will take over in left field from B.J. Surhoff, a free agent sought by both the New York Mets and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Belle was courted by the New York Yankees, who withdrew their offer after re-signing Bernie Williams on Wednesday night.



BROUGHT DOWN – Mike Catt is tackled during England's international against Australia at Twickenham yesterday. Australia won 12-11. (Reuters)

Springboks tie All Blacks mark

DUBLIN – South Africa tied New Zealand's record of 17 wins in a row by beating Ireland 27-13 yesterday but was given a tough battle by an Irish team who were far from outclassed by the world champion.

Bobby Skinstad crossed for a try and two minutes later set up another for scrum half Joost van der Westhuizen early in the second half as the Springboks, helped by the accurate kicking of fullback Percy Montgomery, quickly turned a 7-6 half time advantage to 24-6.

The Irish hit back with a Keith Wood try and twice went close to crossing the Springbok line again but were kept out by some superb defending.

The South Africans aim to set a new record of successive victories by beating England at Twickenham on Saturday. Already on this tour, they have beaten Wales and Scotland and their last defeat was in August last year when they went went down 55-35 to New Zealand.

The two teams and the 48,000 fans at Lansdowne Road stood for a minute's silence before the game as a mark of a respect to the victims of the bombing at Omagh, Northern Ireland, where 29 people were killed in August.

Late Eales penalty floors England

A late penalty by captain John Eales helped Australia snatch a 12-11 victory over England in their one-off test at Twickenham yesterday.

After England had taken a 11-9 lead following a brilliant 70th minute try by center Jeremy Guscott, Eales landed his fourth penalty of the match to secure victory in the 77th minute.

England appeared to be heading towards their first victory over a southern hemisphere nation since 1995 when Guscott finished off a superb move by diving over to the right of the posts.

The touchdown came after a superb break down the middle by fullback Matt Perry.

After the English forwards had set up the ball scrumhalf Matt Dawson moved the ball right to flyhalf Mike Catt. He flicked the ball out to Guscott who took the ball at full pace.

It was the only highlight of a largely dull match dominated by a tight forward battle which saw few try-scoring opportunities.

Portugal sunk by 13-try Scots

Just what Scotland gained from this formality at Edinburgh was difficult to discern.

The game was a hopeless mismatch – strengthening the argument for a different format and even a Rugby World Cup plate competition to accommodate the emerging nations – then it was a slight diversion to the off-the-field battles in the Scottish game. (AP, Reuters)

Sheffer, Goodes lead Israel past Ukraine, 77-70

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Israel's national basketball squad moved a step closer to a European Championships berth in France last night with a 77-70 home victory over Ukraine, but only narrowly avoided the guillotine as they turned a runaway into a nail-biter.

However, thanks to the outstanding play of Doron Sheffer throughout the game and Guy Goodes's incredible three-point shooting (5-6 on the night), coach Muli Katzurin's club survived a scare to remain in second place in their group, with a fine chance of seeing Paris next summer.

The Ukrainian squad looked like they were doing their very best Jekyll and Hyde impression last night. In the first half, Israel encountered a rag-tag opponent they were able to toy with, jumping out to a 10-0 lead in the first three minutes of play.

Behind sensational 8-10 three-point shooting in the first half, Israel built a 44-25 halftime lead that really should have been higher. But 10 first half turnovers, most of them by players who were open for shots, but decided to give it up to a teammate, gave the Ukrainians second chances they were fortunately unable to turn into points.

While Israel's offense occasionally sputtered in the first half, the defense was stellar, especially Nadav Henefeld's work on former Atlanta Hawk Alexander Volkov. Volkov, who gave the Spanish side fits last week, ended the game with just 8 points, and did not score a basket until the beginning of the second half.

With Amir Katz also getting into the three-point shooting spirit, Israel ended the half with one of Goodes's bombs, and it looked like the fans were in for a laugher, a refreshing feeling after last week's heartbreaking loss in Belarus.

The laugh, however, was almost on Katzurin & Co. At first, things got only better, with Henefeld feeding Tomer Steinhauer for several fine baskets underneath to open up a 48-27 lead, but from there things only got worse. Faster than you can say Chicken Kiev, the suddenly transformed Ukrainians rode the hot hands of guard Dimitri Bazlevsky and big man Alexander Lukhmanshuk for a 12-1 spurt that cut the lead to 49-39. It certainly helped that Israel stopped playing defense, and that the offense turned ice cold.

Goodes kept the Ukrainians honest with a bomb to make it 58-45, but Lukhmanshuk, who missed half a dozen three-pointers in the first half, hit another one as did Bazlevsky. When the 2.07 Lukhmanshuk hit yet another three, the lead was down to just 60-55 with 7:55 to play.

Israeli fans can be excused if they feared a replay of the Belarus affair, as Katzurin's club looked frozen, its tough defense nowhere in sight. But there was one critical difference last night: Israel had a leader on the court.

Doron Sheffer, back from a groin injury, supplied the clutch head and smarts Israel so desperately needed down the stretch. First he fed Steinhauer for a basket, one of six assists he had on the night. Then he repeatedly backed Bazlevsky to the basket, drawing a foul or shooting over him for a hoop.

Sheffer's 10-10 foul shooting was also crucial in the victory.

Goodes led Israel with 21 while Sheffer had 20, seven rebounds and six assists. Lukhmanshuk had 21 for Ukraine, including four three-pointers.

Elsewhere last night in Group C, Belarus beat Denmark, 69-58 and Spain crushed England 74-58.

Group C

	W	L	Pts
Spain	7	0	14
Israel	5	2	12
England	3	4	10
Belarus	3	4	10
Ukraine	2	5	9
Denmark	1	6	8

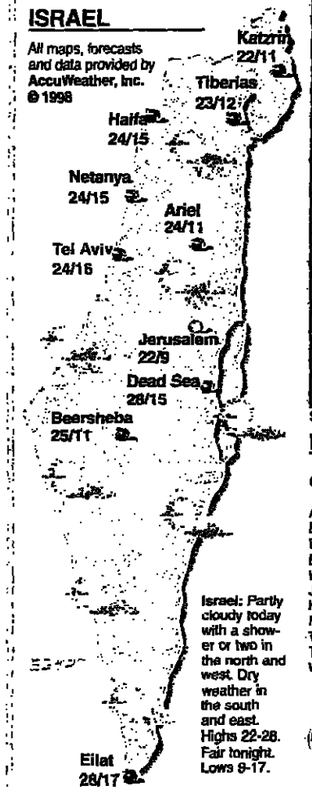
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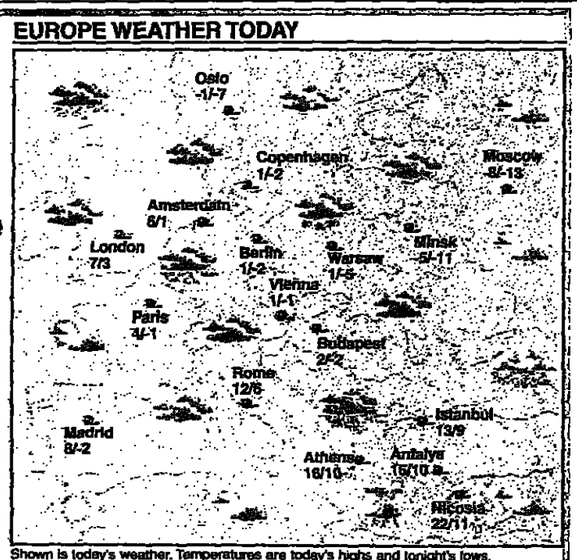
ISRAEL

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Israel: Partly cloudy today with a shower or two in the north and west. Dry weather in the south and east. Highs 22-28. Fair tonight. Lows 9-17.

EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Monday High C/F	Monday Low/W C/F	Tuesday High C/F	Tuesday Low/W C/F	Wednesday High C/F	Wednesday Low/W C/F
Ariel	24/75	11/52/pc	22/71	8/46/s	21/70	7/44/s	23/73	9/48/s
Beersheba	25/77	11/52/pc	23/73	9/48/s	22/71	9/48/s	24/75	10/50/s
Dead Sea	28/82	15/59/pc	26/79	12/53/pc	25/79	11/52/s	28/82	13/55/s
Eilat	28/82	17/62/pc	26/79	14/57/s	26/79	12/53/s	28/82	13/55/s
Haifa	24/75	15/59/sh	23/73	13/55/pc	23/73	12/53/s	24/75	14/57/s
Jerusalem	22/71	9/48/sh	18/64	7/44/pc	17/62	6/43/s	20/68	8/46/s
Katzrin	22/71	11/52/sh	20/68	10/50/pc	20/68	8/46/s	22/71	11/52/s
Netanya	24/75	15/59/sh	23/73	13/55/pc	22/71	12/53/s	24/75	14/57/s
Tel Aviv	24/75	16/61/sh	23/73	14/57/pc	22/71	13/55/s	24/75	15/59/s
Tiberias	23/73	12/53/sh	22/71	11/52/pc	21/70	9/48/s	23/73	10/50/s

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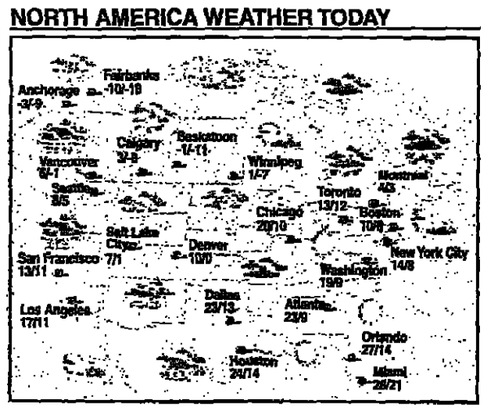
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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Monday High C/F	Monday Low/W C/F	Tuesday High C/F	Tuesday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	6/43	1/34/r	2/35	-3/27/c	4/39	1/34/sn
Beijing	11/52	2/35/pc	8/46	-3/27/pc	5/41	-3/27/sn
Berlin	1/34	-2/29/c	0/32	-3/27/sn	2/35	-1/31/sf
Brussels	6/43	2/35/r	2/35	-4/25/sn	2/35	1/34/sn
Cairo	28/82	12/53/s	24/75	11/52/s	22/71	12/53/pc
Chicago	-2/28	10/50/c	13/55	8/46/sh	12/53	3/37/sh
Frankfurt	1/34	-2/29/c	-1/31	-4/25/sn	2/35	-2/29/sf
Hong Kong	26/79	22/71/c	26/79	22/71/sh	26/79	21/70/pc
Johannesburg	29/79	17/62/pc	27/80	16/61/pc	29/82	14/57/pc
London	7/44	3/37/pc	6/43	1/34/pc	6/43	2/35/pc
Los Angeles	17/62	11/52/pc	23/73	9/48/c	21/70	7/44/sh
Madrid	8/48	-2/29/pc	7/44	-6/22/c	3/37	-8/18/pc
Mexico City	22/71	7/44/s	20/68	8/46/pc	21/70	9/48/pc
Montreal	4/39	3/37/sn	13/55	2/35/sh	4/39	-3/27/pc
Moscow	-8/18	-13/9/pc	-9/16	-11/13/pc		-1/31 -4/25/pc
New York	14/57	9/48/pc	19/66	9/48/pc	18/61	6/43/pc
Paris	4/39	-1/31/sn	2/35	-6/22/c	-1/31	-3/27/sn
Prague	0/32	-3/27/sf	-1/31	-4/25/sn	1/34	-4/25/sf
Rio de Janeiro	25/77	19/66/pc	24/75	21/70/r	27/80	22/71/pc
Rome	12/53	5/43/pc	11/52	5/41/sh	10/50	2/35/s
Sydney	19/66	14/57/c	18/64	13/55/sh	18/64	14/57/pc
Tokyo	12/53	7/44/s	13/55	12/53/pc	17/62	12/53/c
Toronto	13/55	12/53/sh	17/62	9/48/pc	12/53	8/46/s
Vienna	1/34	-4/25/sn	-1/31	-3/27/sn	-3/27	-5/23/sh
Warsaw	1/34	-5/23/c	-3/27	-7/20/c	1/34	-3/27/sf
Washington	19/66	9/48/s	21/70	9/48/s	20/68	7/44/pc

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



West Ham move into 2nd place

LONDON (Reuters) – Two goals by Trevor Sinclair gave West Ham United a 2-1 victory over Tottenham Hotspur yesterday and moved them to second place in the Premier League.

It is the unfashionable London club's highest league position since May 1985 and is a fair representation of their impressive recent run of form.

Elsewhere, Duncan Ferguson celebrated his £8 million move to Newcastle United by scoring twice in a 3-1 home victory over Wimbledon while Danny Cadamarteri, replacing the Scot at Everton, scored twice in their 2-1 win at Charlton.

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Leaders Aston Villa came from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 against Nottingham Forest and Emile Heskey scored in the last minute to earn 10-man Leicester a 1-1 draw at Coventry.

Chelsea were held 1-1 at home by Sheffield Wednesday while Derby won 1-0 at Southampton.

Villa still top the standings with 29 points with West Ham second on 26. Manchester United, who host Leeds today, are third on 25, one ahead of Chelsea and Arsenal, who play Middlesbrough today.

West Ham have been developing into a first class side under Harry Redknapp, but had to work hard for the points on Saturday.

Sinclair put them ahead when Spurs keeper Espen Baardsen failed to hold Frank Lampard's long shot in the 39th minute and made it 2-0 in the first minute of the second half with a nice curling shot.

It was hard luck on Spurs who had looked the better side early on but they fought back and pulled one back when Chris Armstrong headed in a David Ginola corner.

Sinclair then clipped the Tottenham bar while youngster Luke Young thundered a shot against the bar at the other end.

West Ham held out though to give manager Harry Redknapp a happy end to a traumatic week that saw him falling out with chief executive Peter Storrie over the sale of Andy Impey.

"It was a good game, it was entertainment, but sometimes you have to graft for these results," said Redknapp.

"Tottenham didn't lay down and they are a going to be a good side, you can see that, but we hung on in there."

In the first division, first-place Sunderland bounced back from its first loss of the season, thrashing Sheffield United 4-0. Sunderland leads with 43 points. Ipswich moved into second with 38 points following a 3-0 win over Crewe.

In Scotland's Premier League, Kilmarnock defeated Dumfermline 3-0 to move up to 28 points behind leading Rangers (30 points).

Celtic is third with 26 points after a 2-0 win over Motherwell.

In the day's other Premier League match, Dundee United beat Aberdeen 3-0.

Rangers played Sunday against St. Johnstone at Celtic Park in the League Cup final.



CLOSE COMPANY – Nottingham Forest's Chris Bart-Williams (l) chases Aston Villa's Paul Merson in yesterday's 2-2 draw. (Reuters)

Mac. Haifa held up by Ironi Ashdod

By ORI LEWIS

Maccabi Haifa failed to capitalize on the rest of the National League's inaction when they were held to a goalless draw by Ironi Ashdod yesterday.

Haifa would have leapfrogged Hapoel Petah Tikva into second place in the standings had they won, but a poor performance in which they were reduced to 10 men early in the second half saw them lucky to get away with a draw in Ashdod.

Haifa 'keeper Nir Davidovich took much of the credit for keeping hosts Ashdod at bay as Ashdod striker Amir Turjeman came close on several occasions. Haifa were further hampered when international defender Avishai Janno was sent off for a second bookable offense just before half time.

The rest of the league and the Second Division were involved in Toto Cup action, with Maccabi Tel Aviv showing a welcome return to form. They scored a 6-0 home win over Bnei Yehuda. League leaders, Hapoel Haifa were held to a 1-1 draw by Hapoel Jerusalem at Teddy Stadium on Friday.

This weekend's results: Toto Cup: Hapoel Petah Tikva 1, Hapoel Beit She'an 0; Maccabi Petah Tikva 2, Betar Jerusalem 3; Maccabi Tel Aviv 6, Bnei Yehuda 0; Ironi Rishon Lezion 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 2; Hapoel Jerusalem 1, Hapoel Haifa 1; Maccabi Herzliya 1, Zafririm Holon 1; Hapoel Kfar Sava 1, Maccabi Jaffa 1

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hapoel Haifa	10	8	2	0	14	1	26
HapPetah Tikva	10	7	1	2	22	7	22
Maccabi Haifa	10	5	3	2	21	8	18
Betar Jerusalem	10	5	2	3	25	14	17
Hapoel Jerusalem	10	5	2	3	17	12	17
Hapoel Tel Aviv	10	5	2	3	11	9	17
Zafririm Holon	10	4	3	3	14	7	15
Maccabi Tel Aviv	10	4	3	3	15	16	15
Hapoel Kfar Sava	10	4	2	4	13	17	14
Mac Petah Tikva	10	3	4	3	16	13	13
Ironi Ashdod	10	2	5	3	13	16	11
Ironi R Lezion	10	2	4	4	12	18	10
Maccabi Herzliya	10	3	1	6	10	16	10
Bnei Yehuda	10	2	3	5	13	18	9
Hap Beit She'an	10	1	2	7	6	26	5
Maccabi Jaffa	10	0	1	9	4	28	1

Galatasaray eager to host Juventus

ANKARA (AP) – Galatasaray's Romanian strikers on Friday assured Juventus players of their safety during next week's Champions League match, while police prevented anti-Italian protests to ease tensions.

"Don't be afraid," said two Romanian strikers of Galatasaray, Gheorghe Popescu and Gheorge Hagi, in a joint statement published by the daily sports newspaper, *Fanatik*. "We are your guarantee."

Several Juventus players have refused to play the match in Turkey because of anti-Italian sentiment running high in Turkey over Italy's refusal to extradite a Kurdish rebel leader, Abdullah Ocalan.

UEFA already has moved the game originally slated for Wednesday, to December 2.

Juventus was still seeking a neutral venue but Turkish police seem determined to reduce the tension.

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